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Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa greets Nagarathna, a Group-D health worker, who became the first person in Karnataka to receive the Covid-19 vaccine shot at Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru on Saturday. State Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi, Bengaluru Central MP PC Mohan were also present | EXPRESS

TWO LAKH HEALTH WORKERS GET VACCINE ON DAY ONE

(From left) AIIMS Director Dr Randeep Guleria getting the first dose of Covishield vaccine in New Delhi. Phase-I of the nationwide drive was reserved for healthcare workers in the frontline of the battle against Covid-19 | SHEKHAR YADAV, UDAYSHANKAR S, VINAY MADAPU, SANESH SAKA, & G SATYANARAYANA

Union Health Ministry says there were no cases of post-inoculation hospitalisation

PEOPLE OF K'TAKA ROLL UP SLEEVE AGAINST COVID-19

TEAM TNIE @ Bengaluru

THE first phase of the Covid-19 vaccination drive in Karnataka began at 243 sites across the state, including nine in Bengaluru, on Saturday minutes after Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched it through video-conferencing. Nagaratna K, a 28-year-old ward attendant at Victoria Hospital, became the first one to receive the jab in the presence of Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and state Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar.

While some districts saw very few beneficiaries turning up to take the jab, there were also technical glitches with the CoWIN app which resulted in some delay in starting the drive. However, there were no major side-effects reported among the beneficiaries other than giddiness, pain and swelling in the vaccination area.

Addressing a press conference in the evening, after a discussion with Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan, the state health minister said, "It was a historic moment for us. Our scientists have developed vaccines for Covid-19 in just 10 months. Every citizen is indebted to our scientists and institutions. I also thank the PM, the CM and all other leaders who guided us."

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DAY'S COUNT

60.2% of the total registered beneficiaries in state took the vaccination shot

59% in Bengaluru; of which 65% in the six zones of Bengaluru Urban, 53% in Bengaluru Rural

Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir and Raichur districts saw an average of **65%**

I was working in the Covid ward for a month and was at high risk of infection. Now with the jab, I feel very confident.

Nagarathna, who got the first shot

We did not fear death while carrying out our job. Now, why would we fear taking a vaccine that is meant to protect us?

Syed Hussain, Staffer at Madikeri District Hospital

I was not afraid of Covid itself, and took all the precautions while on duty. I am not afraid of the vaccination either.

Sandesh U, Ambulance driver in Mysuru

I will take the vaccine when told, says CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

URGING health workers and others to take the Covid-19 vaccine without any apprehension, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa said he will take the shot when he is advised to do so.

Addressing the media on Saturday, Yediyurappa said, "In Karnataka, we have identified 243 centres, and in each centre, 100 people will get vaccinated in a day. The numbers will increase gradually. Many, including senior medical experts like Dr Sudarshan Balal, are taking this vaccine. One need not be skeptical or fearful as the vaccine is from India. Karnataka has sufficient cold storage facilities for the vaccine vials. As on Saturday, 43,015 frontline workers were registered for the drive. We are one among the few states to register such a big number for the vaccination."

3,351 sessions held at 3,006 vaccination sites across country

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

OVER 60% of the targeted 3 lakh-plus healthcare workers scheduled to get the Covid-19 vaccine on the first day of the vaccination programme took the shot on Saturday, the Union health ministry said. It added that 3,351 sessions were held throughout the country wherein 1,91,181 beneficiaries were vaccinated.

The ministry had earlier said at every 3,006 vaccination centres throughout the country, 100 beneficiaries each would be vaccinated on the first day. Though the immediate reasons for the fewer than targeted number of vaccinations achieved was not shared, government sources conceded that at most places, less than the invited beneficiaries had turned up.

In the first phase, the government plans to vaccinate 1 crore healthcare workers followed by 2 crore frontline workers comprising police, paramilitary and defence personnel.

Even though politicians were not supposed to get the vaccine shots in the first phase, there were reports of several Trinamool Congress leaders, including two MLAs, receiving the Covid-19 vaccine in West Bengal's Purba Bardhaman district on Saturday. It created a controversy with many healthcare workers also alleging that they could not get the jab, according to media reports.

Talking to reporters on Saturday evening, additional secretary in the health ministry Manohar Agnani claimed there were no reports of hospitalisation after vaccination from anywhere in the country.

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Adverse events in Delhi, MH

At least 52 cases of adverse events were reported among health workers who were administered the coronavirus vaccine in Delhi on Saturday, according to official figures. Maharashtra reported another 14 such cases

Bharat Biotech to pay compensation for adverse reaction

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

SIGNING a consent form is mandatory to get Bharat Biotech's Covaxin jab. While the form makes it clear that Bharat Biotech will be liable to pay compensation in case of serious adverse events following immunisation, it is silent on the amount.

The form is attached with the vaccine, whose efficacy is yet to be proven. It has been launched on 'clinical trial mode', as mandated by the Drug Controller General of India. Sources in the Union Health Ministry and the ICMR said that Covaxin recipients are required to sign the consent form, which assures medical care and compensation if any adverse effect linked to the vaccine was found.

The government has procured 55 million doses of Covaxin for the first phase of the vaccination drive. However, doctors have raised concerns over being inoculated with a vaccine that is still under trial. In several states Covaxin is being offered only at Centrally-run hospitals; healthcare workers are not given the choice of vaccine.

IN MESSAGE TO DETRACTORS, OPPN, SHAH BACKS BSY's LEADERSHIP

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AT a time when the Opposition is going hammer and tongs against the BJP government and voices of dissent are being heard within the ruling party after the cabinet rejig, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has firmly endorsed Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's leadership.

"Every other day, I keep reading about our Congress friends' statements about all kinds of speculation. I want to tell everyone that the BJP government in Karnataka will complete its full term and come back to power again for five years with full majority," Shah asserted, while virtually inaugurating 'Police Gruha 2025', a housing project, and the India Reserve Battalion Police (IRBP) unit in Vijayapura, from the Banquet Hall of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Saturday evening.

Home Minister Amit Shah in Bengaluru on Saturday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Launching a broadside against the Congress, Shah said that instead of indulging in such talk, they must work with the people as they are not going to get anything from the BJP, which is a party that works for people. "A number of development works have been taken up in Karnataka and the state is marching on the development path under Yediyurappa's leadership. It will continue to do so and PM Modi too has granted a number of projects for Karnataka," Shah pointed out. He added that the Centre will strongly back the CM and development of the state. P7

'Yediyurappa did well in Covid fight'

Union Home Minister Amit Shah appreciated CM Yediyurappa's leadership and the State Government's efforts in fighting Covid-19. "I have no hesitation to say that under Yediyurappa's leadership, Karnataka has done very well in fighting Covid," he said.

Transgenders in Bihar realise their khaki dream

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

BIHAR has paved the path for the transgenders to don khaki by sanctioning direct recruitment to the posts of constables and assistant sub-inspectors. Apart from this giant leap towards empowering the third gender, the state has also reserved one post out of every 500 in the constable-ASI ranks for the transgenders.

Touching upon the concept of proportional representation, a Home department notification said that out of the sanctioned police strength of 1,30,243, transgenders should be given 51 (41 ASI and 10 constable) posts based on their proportion of the total population. As per the 2011 census, the transgenders form 0.039 per cent (40,287) of Bihar's 10.41 crore population. The transgenders will have to take the written exam like others, and undergo a physical test, which will have the same benchmark as is applicable to women.

According to the notification, Superintendent of Police would be empowered to recruit constables, while the DIG would select the ASIs as per norms. The direct recruitment would be only for transgenders from Bihar.

Notable mentions

Chhattisgarh was the first state to allow transgenders in the police force in 2018, though K Prithika Yashini from Tamil Nadu was the first to be inducted into any police force as an SI in 2017.

Welcoming the decision, Reshma Prasad, one of the members of the National Council for Transgender Persons, said the community was grateful to the government. "The community has demanded a separate battalion of transgender police personnel, along with a two per cent quota, in the state police force," she said.

WHATSAPP DEFERS

ITS UPDATED DATA PRIVACY POLICY TILL MAY 15

Facing backlash over forcing upon users its updated privacy policy, Facebook-owned WhatsApp announced that it never had any plans to delete non-complying accounts on February 8. The date extension is aimed at clearing 'confusion' | P13

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NIA summons farmer leader

Bengaluru: The NIA has summoned farmer leader Baldev Singh Sirsa in connection with a case against leader of a pro-Khalistan outfit. P9

Fan complains of racism at SCG

Sydney: An Indian fan has alleged that he was subjected to racial abuse by a security officer at SCG, during the third Test against Australia played there.

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MUSHROOMING INTEREST

Women in Kodagu are increasingly learning cultivation and becoming self-reliant

PRAJNA G R @Madikeri

DON'T underestimate the mushrooms. They are having their moment. This is a story about homemakers in Kodagu district. And it is also a story about mushrooms.

"I grew up wanting to do something unique," says Ambika Achaiah, 35, a budding entrepreneur from Cheyyandane village. While Ambika dreamt of starting a unique venture, she was married off after completion of her degree and nearly 10 years passed in managing home and hearth. Nevertheless, her ambition to achieve something different was reignited when she stumbled upon a radio broadcast about free training for mushroom cultivation in 2019.

"I was excited when I learnt of it. I travelled nearly 60 km to Krishi Vignyana Kendra in Gonikoppal to avail the training under the National Skill Development Corporation programme," recalls Ambika. While she thought that it would last a day, she was shocked to learn that it was a 25-day course. Encouraged by KVK scientist Dr Somashekar, Ambika completed it and received a certification in oyster mushroom cultivation.

Ambika is currently working at the mushroom cultivation lab in KVK and experimenting on different varieties of mushroom cultivation. "I started off with spawn cultivation. But now I am versatile in mushroom tissue culture and the entire process of mushroom cultivation. I have applied for a loan and I will soon set up my own unit at my house," she says.

While she is involved in developing the popular oyster mushroom variety, she is also experimenting on cultivating the seasonal milky mushroom. Apart from the cultivation process, she trains other like-minded homemakers. "Various women cooperative societies and other self-help groups invite me for motivational talk. I encourage women to take up the profitable mushroom business and I have also provided training for a few women in mushroom cultivation," Ambika says.

Rashmi Bharadwaj, 40, is also a homemaker. She indulged in gardening – especially in orchid cultivation – as a hobby and sometimes even earned some pocket money. However, it has been nearly two years since Rashmi stepped into the field of mushroom cultivation and today she runs her own unit.

"I run a mushroom cultivation unit on contract basis with KVK in Gonikoppal. It would take nearly Rs 15 lakh to establish a unit. However, it was easier for me to work on contract as I did not have to worry about initial investment. And all the equipment is readily available," says Rashmi.

After being a homemaker for several years, she started working for a minimum remuneration at a mushroom spawn cultivation unit. But after eight months into this job, she started cultivating oyster mushrooms from scratch and she now sells 100 to 120 harvested oyster mushroom bags per day. "I work from 9 am to 5 pm every day. Apart from the ready-to-cook oyster mushroom bags, I also manufacture Ready To Fruit Bags, which sell like hot cakes among mushroom farmers," she explains. Ready to Fruit bags (RTF) are mushroom seeded and grown straw bags of oyster mushrooms. The clients who buy them have to cut out a few holes in these RTF bags and keep them in a well-lit area (not under direct sunlight) and sprinkle water regularly. Oyster mushrooms bloom from these packets, without the risk of any contamination and effortlessly within five to seven days.

Another shining example is Lakshmi, 55, who worked as a domestic help and switched many jobs in between even as she worked as a hospital help at daily wages for 25 years until recently. "I worked at a hospital as a cleaning staffer for many years. But I wanted to become self-reliant," she recalls.

Lakshmi stumbled upon the mushroom cultivation training programme and she found her path to independence. She is cultivating mushrooms on a small scale and has set up her own unit in a single bedroom.

"Contamination-free is the key to mushroom cultivation and the business gets profitable only when the set-up is unpolluted. I collect paddy straws from a known people, bake and dry the straw, purchase mushroom growing bags and start spawn cultivation by keeping the bags under the cot – where the temperature is less and visibility is low," says Lakshmi.

Though she is self-reliant, she says, "I am unable to manufacture mushrooms on a large scale as I lack the required funds to purchase improved facilities. However, I am happy with my small scale set-up, which is better than working for someone."

OYSTER MUSHROOMS

After White Button, oyster mushrooms are mostly cultivated and consumed across India. These have many health benefits as they are rich in proteins, vitamins, minerals and fibres, and low in calories. They are believed to help increase immunity.

WOMEN TURN ENTREPRENEURS

The mushrooms, bought by customers across Kodagu, are not just making for a tasty treat but are enabling entrepreneurship skills among many women. The cultivated mushrooms are sold throughout the year at local markets, and even home delivery is available on request.

KVK centre conducts regular skill development training in mushroom cultivation with support from Agricultural Skill Council of India. There is a huge demand for mushrooms now as it has immune factors that help in overall improvement of the general health. This in turn has opened up high scope for mushroom cultivation for women, especially homemakers

— Dr Somashekar, scientist at Krishi Vignyana Kendra

Cop's 'Yamaraja' drives home message of road safety

SUBHASH CHANDRA G @Chitradurga

SOME people don't care for road safety rules, not only endangering their lives but also those of other people. But perhaps, Lord Yama, the Hindu God of Death, could stop them in their tracks. A traffic cop had invoked this God as far back as in 2012 to drive home his message, much before police in other districts used this idea.

Sub-inspector Manjunath Lingareddy believes in unique ideas and by implementing them may have saved dozens of lives in a myriad different ways.

From Bailhongal in Belagavi district, 29-year-old Manjunath is deeply influenced by the folk arts of the Mumbai-Karnataka region such as Doddata, and folk songs. A postgraduate in organic chemistry from Karnatak University in Dharwad, Manjunath passed the examination for a sub-inspector at the age of 22.

During his nine-year service he saw first hand, dozens of people killed in road accidents. Deeply moved by such tragedies, he donned the costume of Yama, when posted in Bhadravathi in Shivamogga district in 2012. He would urge people to drive safely, wear helmets and seat belts. "I thought that maybe people would fear Yama (death) and it could change their behaviour," Manjunath says.

Startled at first by Yama appearing before them, people gradually began to think about what it signified, and began to change their behaviour, Manjunath says. He also began to involve the public by introducing traffic wardens in Bhadravathi. The then Inspector-General of Police (Eastern Range) Nanjundaswamy launched the initiative which was later implemented in Shivamogga Traffic Police Station limits as well.

Come 2020, and Manjunath brought the Yama avatar back to life to spread the message of physical distancing, wearing masks and washing hands in Davanagere district. He and police constables enacted a street play with this message through May-June. One constable would dress up as Yama while another would represent the coronavirus and urged people to stay at home and avoid contracting Covid-19.

Now posted as SI of Challakere police station, Manjunath realised that National Highway 150A connecting Bidar with Chamarajanagar via Challakere sees 200 accidents a year.

So, he put up banners easily visible on the highway and around Challakere city, and paid for them himself. The boards had an image of Yama holding a lasso, the Yama Pasha, and telling drivers: 'This is my area... drive slow... Accident spot, Minor negligence may cost you your life', and indicating that if they failed to follow the rules, he would take them away. This has prompted drivers to be more careful on the highway, he says.

"I have witnessed many deaths in road accidents that occurred due to rash and negligent driving. So, I decided to put up these boards and I think Yama is the only god that people fear," Manjunath says.

Chitradurga Superintendent of Police G Radhika reportedly plans to extend the move to the whole district. "The idea is unique and has been well-received by the public," she says.

"These boards have become the cynosure of all eyes and we will continue to fix them at all black spots and ensure that motorists drive safely and are happily reunited with their dear ones at home," Manjunath says.

Manjunath believes that good police personnel can improve societal health. He wishes to share his ideas with colleagues so that good cops can be produced for the future and better policing can be undertaken. "This is the need of the hour," he says.

Manjunath Lingareddy (right), stands with a colleague

LEGACY WASTE AT MANDUR TO BE CLEARED IN 2 YEARS

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

FINALLY, the legacy waste in Bengaluru's old and most talked-about landfill site — Mandur — will be cleared. But the exercise will start after the most-awaited biannual Aero-India show so that no scavenging birds are drawn to it.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has got the approval from the government and bidding has started to start the process of biomining on the site where 1 lakh tonnes of waste is accumulated.

"Once the government approval is obtained, the exercise will commence. It is a Rs 80 crore project, and will take around two years to completely clean up all the waste. The work will start from February 15, after the Aero-India and after all approvals are obtained," D Randeep, Special Commissioner, Solid waste management, BBMP, said.

He explained that the inert materials, organic waste, other wastes like plastic and other metals will be separated and handled separately. After handling the waste in Mandur, the BBMP will deal with the waste in Mavallipura and Bellahalli.

Earlier, there were plans to utilise the Mandur site for a high-rise apartment complex. Later, it was also decided to make it a tree park. However, the BBMP has not yet decided what needs to be done with the site after the waste is cleared. The government will take a final call.

Waste dumped at Mandur | EXPRESS

Meanwhile, experts have lauded BBMP's decision to finally start work on the site, even though orders by the Enforcement Directorate were issued in 2013.

Leo Saldanha, Coordinator, Environment Support Group, said BBMP must exercise all precautionary measures like not allowing toxins to flow out, and ensuring liquids don't percolate underground. Pathogenic acidity should also be looked into, he said and warned that fire is also possible which can lead to a catastrophe. He suggested including experts in the exercise. Since the issue was raised by local communities, the BBMP must also involve them to ensure that there are no untoward incidents, he said.

Health and environmental impact must be thoroughly assessed while handling the waste. Since methane gases will be released, the BBMP and the contractors must first remove the gases and then slice out the waste, take it elsewhere and then segregate it, Saldanha said. The manure should not be used for agriculture as it will have heavy metals. This is because no results are known yet on the groundwater quality, he said.

EXPRESS READ

BMTC wins national and state awards

BMTC on Saturday won the national and state awards of Petroleum Conservation Research Association under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for fuel savings by achieving better mileage. The ministry had launched the scheme for 'Maximum improvement in KMPL.' BMTC bagged the first place in the Best STU at the National Level in Saksham- 2021 in KMPL by saving Rs 24 crore in a year. Three depots of BMTC-Byrathi depot-48, Deepanjali Nagar Depot-16 and Kengeri depot-37 were awarded as the best depot at the state level.

Zoo open on Jan 26

The Bengaluru Bannerghatta Biological Park has decided that the zoo, safari and butterfly park will be open on January 26.

Date extended

All factories, plantations, motor vehicle institutes and companies which have more than 50 labourers, shops, commercial establishments, IT/BT and charitable trusts have to pay Rs 60 annually to the labour department as part of Karnataka Labourers' Welfare Fund. The date of sending the money has been extended to January 31, 2021.

State, Centre get notices over road in city

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THE Karnataka High Court issued notices to the state and central governments on a public interest litigation, which alleged that the Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited is unlawfully constructing a 'new state highway project', called the 'Bengaluru Surrounding Road', of 155.21 km length without prior environment clearance under the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006.

Hearing the petition filed by Jhatkaa.Org and two others, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum issued the notices.

Pointing out that the clearance was not obtained under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and there was no prior recommendation of the Standing Committee of National Board for wildlife (SC-NBWL) under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the petitioner stated that the proposed project is not just an amalgamation of the existing Major District Roads (MDR), State Highways (SH) and National Highways (NH), as is sought to be projected, but also includes the construction of an entirely new Railway Over Bridges (ROB), Railway Under bridges (RUB), grade separators and an elevated corridor.

IN THE HC

The project threatens to cause widespread destruction and environmental degradation within Bengaluru. The State Government issued a Gazette Notification in May 2019 under Section 15 of the Karnataka Highways Act, 1964, notifying the affected people about land acquisition, the petitioners said, pointing out that this project entails felling of approximately 8,561 trees within Bengaluru and surrounding areas.

Felling of trees will impact carbon sequestration and create urban heat zones, accelerating the deleterious effects of global warming and climate change within the region. The proposed project will have an impact on approximately 14 freshwater lakes located in and around Bengaluru, the petitioners alleged. The petitioners sought directions to the Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited to stop the project and to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to initiate action against the corporation for not obtaining clearance before taking up the project.

WATER BODIES

HC rejects plea to transfer PIL on lakes

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THE Karnataka High Court on Saturday rejected the request of the state government to transfer public interest litigation petition with regard to the monitoring, protection and rejuvenation of lakes, to the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum said that the high court is dealing with the restoration as well as rejuvenation, and removal of encroachment of the lakes in the state.

However, the NGT is only dealing with the issue of restoration of water bodies, it said.

The bench said that the state government in its response did not say that a transparent process was not adopted in the selection of private firms for rejuvenation of lakes.

The court was hearing a batch of public interest litigations relating to rejuvenation of lakes.

The State Government on Saturday issued a notification on stating that the amended Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill 2020 would come into force on January 18

Police Bhandars to promote Swadeshi goods

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@Bhadravathi

IN the first ever such initiative, the Centre has started the Rashtriya Raksha University and the National Forensic Science University which offer exclusive courses in national security and forensic science, and thereby contribute significantly to the development of the nation, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Saturday.

After laying the foundation stone for the 97th Rapid Action Force (RAF) Battalion campus in Bullapura village of Bhadravathi taluk, Shah proposed that CM B S Yediyurappa affiliate colleges in Karnataka for courses offered by the universities which will provide training on security and forensic issues.

The government is planning to establish Police Kalyana Bhandar — exclusive units to promote only swadeshi goods and support the Atma Nirbhar vision of PM Narendra Modi and the idea of 'local for vocal'. "This will also give impetus to aim of becoming a $5 trillion economy and nobody can stop us from achieving it," he said.

The CRPF has 3.5 lakh jawans and has played a great role in establishing peace in Jammu and Kashmir, Shah said. The government has sanctioned Rs 350 crore for establishment of an administrative building, township, hospital, Kendriya Vidyalaya and a stadium on the campus of the RAF battalion being set up in Bhadravathi.

Yediyurappa said that earlier, there would be a delay in the RAF reaching the spot as it had to travel either from Andhra Pradesh or Telangana. Now, the Bhadravathi RAF base will strengthen the law and order machinery in South India.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah with CM B S Yediyurappa in Bengaluru on Saturday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Berth aspirants must stop barbs, says Shah

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"ACTS of indiscipline and critical public statements by BJP ministerial aspirants should stop. Remember, the party comes first," was Home Minister Amit Shah's message to party leaders at the high-profile BJP core committee meeting on Saturday evening.

Though he did not take the names of any legislators who have been attacking the state leadership, his message was largely aimed at aggrieved legislators who are going to the media to make personal charges against Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa.

Shah said they should not indulge in acts of indiscipline and work for the party.

National General Secretary Organising B L Santhosh, national general secretary, Karnataka in-charge, Arun Singh, Yediyurappa, Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjol, union ministers -- Pralhad Joshi and Sadananda Gowda, national general secretary C T Ravi, BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel, state general secretary organising Arun Kumar, ministers R Ashok, K S Eshwarappa and Arvind Limbavali were present at the meeting.

The core committee was scheduled to begin at 7.30 pm, but was delayed by nearly 50 minutes.

It concluded by 10.30 pm. It was expected to take up organisational issues and candidates for the upcoming polls, but did not have time, party sources said.

RAPID REACTION

Emergency response system gets boost with more vehicles

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THE Emergency Response Support System (ERSS)-112 in the state, which aims to respond to calls within 15 seconds and reach the spot within 15 minutes, has been further strengthened with the addition of more vehicles.

On Saturday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah flagged off ERSS vehicles from the grandstand at Vidhana Soudha and virtually inaugurated the India Reserve Battalion Police (IRBP) unit and the 'Police Gruha 2025', a police housing project under which 10,500 police quarters would be constructed in the state at an outlay of Rs 2,700 crore.

Shah praised the state home department for taking up a number of measures to modernize the force and provide all facilities to the police. He assured the state of all assistance and also appreciated the work done by the Karnataka police in the fight against the pandemic.

Karnataka Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai explained the government's initiatives to modernize the force and appealed for providing speed boats to the Coastal Security Force to keep a check on anti-national activities beyond 11 nautical miles. He also asked for one more battalion of RAF and IRBP and more funds for modernization and taking steps for women safety.

Emergency Response Support System vehicles being flagged off in front of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Saturday | VINOR KUMAR T

> **Under ERSS, we have a target of responding to calls within 15 seconds and reaching the spot in 15 minutes. And by next year, we want to reduce it to 10 seconds and 10 minutes**
>
> Basavaraj Bommai, Karnataka Home Minister

"Under ERSS, we have a target of responding to calls within 15 seconds and reaching the spot in 15 minutes. And by next year, we want to reduce it to 10 seconds and 10 minutes," he said.

Bommai said vacancies in the department have been reduced from 23% to 11% and that recruitment is on to bring it to under 6%.

"We have been waging a war against drugs and also achieved a lot of success in the last 10 months. Many people, including 23 foreign nationals were arrested and synthetic drugs were seized," Bommai said.

JDS meet to discuss party restructuring

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

THE JDS may be down, but is definitely not out. At the Core Committee meeting on Monday, 35 top leaders of the party will put their heads together to decide the future of the party.

Party national president H D Deve Gowda, former CM H D Kumaraswamy, deputy party leader in Assembly Bandeppa Kashempur, party state president H K Kumaraswamy, former MLA and spokesman Y S V Datta, MLC Basavraj Horatti, and a number of MLAs, MLCs and leaders will take part in the meeting.

H D Kumaraswamy said, "We plan to restructure the parent body of the party, and also student, women's, labour, youth and other wings. We are seeking to weed out indifferent workers and other functionaries from structural positions of the party."

After the party's fair performance in its strongholds in Gram Panchayat elections, it will focus on the upcoming zilla and taluk panchayat elections. H K Kumaraswamy said, "This meeting is important to put together the core committee. We will restructure the district and state units. I will tour the entire state sometime after February 5 after the session ends."

The party is seeking to reorganise itself in time for the 2023 Assembly elections where it seeks to play a key role, considering that it lost over 30 seats by a margin of less than 2,000 votes. The meeting may discuss G T Devegowda and other leaders, who have turned rebel.

H D Kumaraswamy said, "We are seeking to bring some changes in the bylaws, for which we need the Election Commission permission. We will discuss that issue too."

Political analyst B S Murthy said, "A major cause of worry for the JDS is the erosion of support of minorities. H D Kumaraswamy's friendly overtures to B S Yediyurappa before the panchayat elections and Gowda's intervention to remind them that they are a secular party will be remembered. BJP is now loaded with Vokkaliga leaders from the Old Mysore region and this should worry JDS as Vokkaligas are their core constituents. In the long run, BJP is eyeing JDS voters. Sensing this, Gowda and H D Kumaraswamy are trying to bring the party together. With their inability to attract cadres and voters in North Karnataka, they are holding on to their traditional support base."

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Karnataka reported 584 cases on Saturday, taking the total number of positive cases to 9,31,252. The number of active cases on Saturday stood at 8,694, and fatalities at four. The total number of people who died from Covid-19 is 12,162

THESE COVID WARRIORS SHOWED GRIT AGAIN WHILE TAKING THE VACCINE DESPITE APPREHENSIONS IN SOME QUARTERS

I had to wear PPE suits to give food to patients and it made me sweat a lot. I am happy to be the first person to take the shot. I was initially scared but the staff encouraged me

Thyagraj (55), cook, CV Raman Hospital

It is a very good vaccine. Everyone will get protection from it. But this is not the end. We must continue to wear masks, maintain distance and hand hygiene

Dr V Ravi, former head, dept of neurovirology, NIMHANS

It is a morale booster because it might reduce fears about the virus in many people, mainly senior citizens

Dr Anand Ambali, geriatric specialist at BLDEA's Hospital

I was waiting to get the vaccine and finally we did it in a matter of one year. I have no hesitation in recommending the vaccine to others

Dr Sudarshan Ballal, chairman, Manipal Hospitals

I am the senior-most person to get vaccinated. In order to boost the morale of the Covid warriors and allay their fears, I chose to get the jab

Jayalakshmamma, Lady Health Visitor

It was absolutely painless. I completed my 30 minutes of observation and it was uneventful. People should come forward and take the vaccine

Dr R Balasubramaniam, founder, Swamy Vivekananda Youth Movement

On the day I was diagnosed with Covid, I decided to take the vaccine as soon as the government starts giving it. I am fortunate as I am the first beneficiary in Kalaburagi

Anantraj, Kalaburagi

No side-effects were seen and I urge all to come forward and take the vaccine. Not just doctors, even common man should opt for it

B L Basavaraj, employee, Koppal Institutue of Medical Sciences

Why fear vaccine, asks forensic staffer

PRAJNA G R @ Madikeri

"WE have not feared death while carrying out our job. Now, why should we be afraid while taking a vaccine that is meant to protect us," asked Syed Hussain, a forensic department staffer at Madikeri District Hospital.

Syed and his mentor Robert Balraj Rodriguez, who also works at the forensic department at the district hospital, were among the first three healthcare workers to be given the Covishield vaccine in the district on Saturday. Honnamma, a healthcare worker in Madikeri District Hospital, was the first person to receive the Covishield vaccine.

"We were filled with fear when we were handling the body of the first victim in the district. The virus was still new and we were not sure if PPE kits were enough to protect our lives. However, we have so far packed 81 bodies. We have taken the Covid-19 test four times till date," said Syed. Syed said that a few colleagues doubted the efficacy of the vaccine. "One has to have trust and take the vaccine to fight the virus," he added.

Today, I feel better, says Mysuru ambulance driver

AJITH M S @Mysuru

SANDESH U was among the first to get vaccinated in Mysuru. It was an emotional day for the 28-year-old ambulance driver of KR Hospital, who ferried hundreds of bodies of Covid victims for final rites when the pandemic was at its peak.

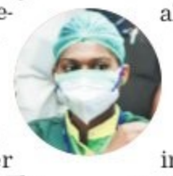
"The past few months have been heart-wrenching. The most chilling was to carry the body of a seven-month-old baby as well as a 14-year-old and his father a day later. I was always wondering when it would return to normal. Today I feel much better," he said.

"Many of the family members of the deceased whom I ferried still call me asking about my health. They tell me people like us are needed to save others," he said. Working at KR Hospital for the last two years, Sandesh is the sole breadwinner of the family and the only son to his parents. "I am more than happy to be the first recipient in Mysuru. I had no apprehensions," he said, adding that he considered the vaccine a reward.

Ward attendant first person to get the shot in State

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

NAGARATNA K (28) from Bidadi, who works at the Neurosurgery department at the PMSSY Hospital in Bangalore Medical College Research Institute (BMCRI), was the first one to get vaccinated in the State, on Saturday. And Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa presented her with a bouquet of roses. The first to get the jab across the state were Group D workers who had in some way or the other contributed in the fight against the pandemic.



When the BMCRI staff asked Nagaratna if she would be willing to take the vaccine, she agreed. She has been working in the Covid ward for a month and since she realised she was also at a high risk, she knew how important vaccination was.

"I am a ward attender on Covid duty. We are a seven-member family, including children. I was apprehensive that they had higher chances of getting Covid from me. However, when I got to know I was going to get the vaccination, I readily agreed," she said.

62% OF TARGET GET THE JAB, SAYS SUDHAKAR

No adverse reaction reported; more people expected from today, says Health Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

TERMING it a historic day, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Saturday said that he is happy with the 62 per cent turnout of beneficiaries who received the jab on the first day of the vaccine rollout.

Of the 21,568 people who were to get the vaccine on Day 1, 13,408 turned up. No adverse reactions were reported for either Covishield or Covaxin, except for the pain at the site of injection, redness and swelling which went away without treatment after half-an-hour.

"We did not give the vaccine to people with comorbidities today, though they turned up. This is a positive number and the count is till 4 pm. Karnataka's turnout will be more than the national average. The highest number of beneficiaries were in Kodagu district with 84 per cent, followed by Uttara Kannada with 80 per cent," he said.

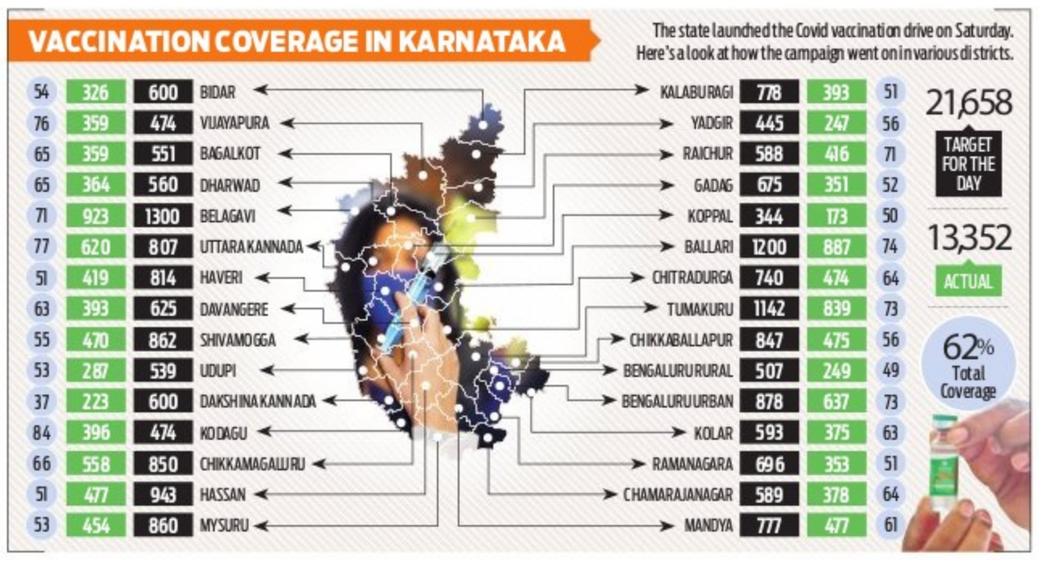
"Dakshina Kannada recorded 37 per cent. We don't know why of the 600 listed, only 223 got the vaccine. I request people not to be anxious. BBMP limits saw a turnout of 65 per cent and Bengaluru Urban 53 per cent. The numbers were low at Mallasandra UPHC at 28 per cent," he said.

He was confident that more people will come forward from Sunday when more private hospitals will administer the vaccine.

In a video-conference with Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan, Sudhakar said that 8 lakh doses for 7.43 lakh people in Phase-1 will suffice for only half the people (as there are two doses). He requested 8 lakh more doses, which Vardhan agreed to allocate.

"The drive was supposed to take place from 9 am to 5 pm, but due to PM Modi's address, it started at 11.30 am and noon at some places. Dr Sudarshan, chairman of Covid Technical Advisory Committee, Dr Sudarshan Ballal, chairman of Manipal Hospitals and retired virologist from NIMHANS V Ravi, who are in the 60-65 age group, took the vaccine," he said.

Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar speaks to the media after a video conference with Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan | EXPRESS


VACCINATION COVERAGE IN KARNATAKA
The state launched the Covid vaccination drive on Saturday. Here's a look at how the campaign went on in various districts.
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On Day 1, Co-WIN portal slows down vaccination drive

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JUST as there were glitches with the Co-WIN portal during the dry run, Day 1 of the Covid vaccination launch saw technical issues once again. The snags were present in the morning half of the drive and were set right in the second half of the day. Staff in various hospitals manually kept a track of who got verified and vaccinated as they could not upload the data.

"Until about 3 pm, the internet connection and Co-WIN portal were both down. We manually ticked who got vaccinated. Once the portal began working, we updated the data," said Dr Krishnaiah, medical superintendent, Jayanagar General Hospital, Bengaluru.

Those who got vaccinated earlier in the day in this hospital, did not receive the automatic message confirming their vaccination immediately due to the glitches in the Co-WIN app. It came after a while. However, those who were vaccinated later, received instant confirmation messages.

In Sir CV Raman General Hospital, some healthcare workers said they did not receive a message a day before, asking them to come for the vaccination drive on January 16. However, they turned up as they were on the first list put together by the hospital and submitted to BBMP.

A health worker gets a jab at the KC General Hospital in Bengaluru on Saturday | MEGHANA SASTRY

"The Co-WIN portal was extremely slow and there was a server issue as people from all over the country were logged into it. We kept track of the beneficiaries manually," said a doctor from CV Raman Hospital.

In some places, the hospital staff were alerted about possible technical issues, a day in advance. A BBMP Health officer present at the KC General Hospital vaccination site said, "The Co-WIN portal did not work throughout the day. We were alerted by the health department on Friday evening that there could be a hitch on Saturday and were asked to be ready to take down information manually. This is double work for us because when the portal starts to function, we need to add the details of the beneficiaries. The portal needs to be fixed as soon as possible."

Even though the mass vaccination started on a high note in Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar, the drive progressed at a very slow rate as officials reported a delay in the loading of data on the portal. Similar issues were reported even at private vaccination sites.

A nodal officer of one private vaccination site said that they had not faced such issues during the dry run. "The issue should be resolved at the earliest. When all the sites become active from Monday, there could be longer delays," said the nodal officer.

Dr C R Jayanti, Director cum Dean of Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, said they intimated Health Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Pandey about the issue and have been assured that it will be resolved by Monday.

ON THE CARDS

New set of SOPs for UK passengers

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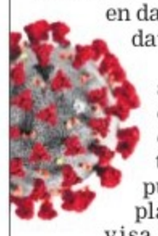
IN view of the new variant of Sars Cov1 virus, reported from the United Kingdom, the State Government has decided to strengthen the surveillance and other measures.

According to Health and Family Welfare Department officials, some passengers from the UK are arriving on business and on short-term trips. They are requesting the government for relevant Covid19 guidelines on testing and quarantine.

To address the issue, the department has issued a set of guidelines. A business visitor should show confirmed return flight ticket which should not be more than seven days later from the date of arrival.



The person should also produce all relevant documents pertaining to the purpose of visit, place of stay and visa details. They should provide address proof of person in Karnataka they are intending to meet.

They should provide negative RTPCR test report done within 72 hours before departure. The passenger should undergo compulsory RTPCR test at the airport and following negative report, they shall be exempted from quarantine.

If tested positive, they should follow all Covid19 guidelines for isolation and treatment. If they develop any Covid-like symptoms during the visit, they should seek medical consultation and get tested. Travellers should be monitored for Covid19 symptoms by district surveillance unit and Aptamitra 14410.

Doubts over Covid vaccine keep some health workers away

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ADVERSE reports on the efficacy and side-effects of Covid-19 vaccines kept listed beneficiaries away from vaccination sites on Day 1 of the Covid vaccination drive on Saturday.

Dr Krishnaiah, medical superintendent, Jayanagar General Hospital in Bengaluru, said, "One of the challenges was getting healthcare workers who had registered to come for the vaccination. There is some anxiety over taking the jab. A few others did not turn up as they had health issues or were deputed elsewhere for work."

At Sir CV Raman General Hospital too some health workers chose to stay away. "They turned up for duty but were reluctant to get vaccinated. We expect more to take the jab in the coming days as they will observe the drive going on smoothly and people not suffering any side-effects," said a doctor.

A health staffer from KC General Hospital said, "Though we have asked all the healthcare staff to register and get themselves vaccinated, some still have second thoughts as they are worried about side-effects. We are not forcing anyone. On Saturday, we did not get any complaints of people experiencing any side-effects." Some healthcare workers in Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir and Raichur districts chose to wait and watch.

Despite Tumakuru district surgeon Dr T A Veerabhadraiah getting himself vaccinated first, over 30 per cent of beneficiaries did not turn up. At the Urban Primary Health Centre at Koti Topu area, of the 90 Covid workers listed, 58 got the vaccination. At Kunigal hospital's vaccination centre, of the 84 beneficiaries, 62 turned up.

Health workers wait in an observation room at Sir CV Raman General Hospital in Bengaluru on Saturday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Strangely, consent forms were not given at many sites. "But while taking down details for registration, we asked them if they were willing to take the jab and then updated it on the Co-WIN portal. We were told that Covishield does not require the consent form. We are yet to receive instructions on Covaxin," said the medical superintendent of a hospital in Bengaluru.

However, districts that received Covaxin did not particularly see lower footfall.

Asked how will the department deal with people not coming forward to get the vaccine, Health Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Pandey said, "Being the first day, some may have stayed away. No major adverse events were reported today. More personnel will come over the next few days."

BEING THE FIRST

Dr Narayan Hebasur, the first doctor to get the vaccine, being administered the Covishield dose during the launch of vaccination drive at KIMS in Hubballi on Saturday. District Minister Jagadish Shettar looks on | D HEMANTH

A daily wager was arrested for allegedly setting fire to a beef stall in Ullal, Mangaluru, on January 8 night. Nagaraj (39) of Olepete, Thokkottu, is the accused. Police Commissioner N Shashikumar said he carried out the crime as he was upset with the stall owner charging Rs 300 for a kg of beef.

MSP is the right of farmers, says Yogendra Yadav

'No discussions were held on new laws'

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PROF Nanjundaswamy, Gopal Gowda and K S Puttannaiah, who are no more, wanted the entire farmer community to get together and that is becoming a reality now, said activist Yogendra Yadav here on Saturday.

Taking part in an open conversation with farmer leaders at the Farmer Unity Forum in the city, he said, "Farmers have been protesting at the Sharjapur-Delhi border for the last 50 days in bitter cold. First, the government said only farmers from Punjab were protesting. Later, it said there were just farmers from Haryana and North India. A day will come when they will say Indian farmers and not American farmers are protesting."

He said, "The Prime Minister said I will give a historic deal to farmers. Has any farmer organisation been approached before the deal was made? Even the BJP's farmer wing -- Bharatiya Kissan Sangh – says the PM did not have a dialogue. Farmers are saying, Modiji you gave us a deal that we haven't sought. The Prime Minister says you have to take the gift. What sort of a compulsion is this? The gift wrapping will be changed and trimmed a little, but the gift will be forced. It is not really a gift for farmers, but for someone else."

He said, "Farmers have been seeking the minimum support price, which is their right. When Manmohan Singh was the Prime Minister, Modi had written to him saying the government should pass a law on minimum support price. Now, Modi should stick to that demand."

Activist Yogendra Yadav and farmer leaders take part at a farmers' convention in Bengaluru on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

SON OF THE SOIL

As the state witnesses the harvest season, a farmer winnows ragi grains near Tumakuru on Saturday | EXPRESS

CRIME PATROL

Realtor found murdered

Bengaluru: A 65-year-old man was found dead on Tippu Road in Devanahalli, on the outskirts of Bengaluru on Saturday. Police found that the victim, Nagaraj Murthy's throat had been slit, while he had also been bludgeoned. Police said that passersby noticed the body in a grove in Silicon Layout alerted them. Murthy owned a grocery shop and had a real estate business. His family identified the body and told police that he had gone for a walk on Friday evening. His daughter-in-law called her husband Dharani Kumar when he did not return home. Kumar, who is an employee at HAL, rushed back home and began to look for his father, and enquired with friends and relatives. When he learned nothing, he went to the police to file a missing person's complaint. Police suspect a property dispute might be involved, and are investigating.

Biker killed in mishap

Bengaluru: A motorcycle rider died after his two-wheeler collided with a tanker that was parked on Outer Ring Road near Laggere late on Friday night. The deceased has been identified as Shiva Kumar (31), and is a resident of Kamalanagar. He was working as a manager in an automobile showroom in Jalahalli, He is survived by his wife and two children. Police said the incident occurred around 11.45pm when Shiva Kumar was heading home. He tried to overtake a car that was in front of him and crashed into the milk tanker that was parked on the road. He suffered serious injuries to the skull and died on the spot. The driver had parked the tanker to relieve himself. Rajajinagar traffic police have seized the tanker and the driver has also been arrested.

KARAMVEER

All for kids: Udupi costume artist wins ₹12.5 L in KBC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

A man from Udupi won a princely sum of Rs 12.5 lakh on TV game show Kaun Banega Crorepati's special 'Karamveer' episode recently.

Ravi Katapadi, who is a costume artist, makes unique 'veshas' (costumes) for Krishna Janmashtami and Vitlapindi celebrations in this temple town, through which he raises funds through crowdfunding and helps ailing children whose families cannot afford hefty hospital bills. The 37-year-old has been celebrating Krishna Janmashtami in this unique way for seven years. So far, he has helped 28 children by crowdfunding Rs 55 lakh.

Recently, he got a chance to participate in KBC's special 'Karamveer' episode which was aired on Sony TV on January 15.

Ravi said he was on cloud nine when he got an opportunity to speak to Amitabh Bachchan, who hosts the show. He even conversed with the legendary actor in Tulu, and went on to win Rs 12.5 lakh in the quiz show. He told reporters in Udupi on Saturday that he will utilise the prize money in helping poor ailing children.

Ravi Katapadi with actor Amitabh Bachchan in Kaun Banega Crorepati

"Someone recognised my efforts in helping poor ailing kids and I received a call from the organisers of Kaun Banega Crorepati. Initially, I declined it, saying that I may not come to the programme as I have to face Amitabh Bachchan. But my friends and well-wishers convinced me, and finally, the organisers booked flight tickets to Mumbai on January 12," he said.

Before going to Mumbai, Ravi's preliminary shooting for the event was held in his hometown – Katapadi -- on January 7, 8 and 9. In the episode that aired on the night of January 15, Ravi Katapadi and Pabiben Rabari, a master artisan from Gujarat, stole the show.

Actor Anupam Kher joined Karamveers Ravi and Pabiben as the special guest in the episode. Ravi answered all seven questions in the programme.

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TR/03	Stipendiary trainee, Category-II (Laboratory Technician)	RMRC	0	01	04	0	0	05
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that, **Mr. Kishore .V S/o Venkata Raju** has lost Original following documents :-

1. GPA Agreement in the name of Venkata Raju (notary No.2316-19)
2. Sale Deed registered dated on 04-12-2019 (Doc. No. BNG(U)-JPN 4476/2009-10)
3. Sale Deed registered dated on 10-09-2014 (Doc. No.6103/2014-15)

In this regard, police complaint dated 15.01.2021 was lodged by Mr. Kishore V. with JP Nagar police station.

further dealing will be on certified copy of the said documents obtained.

If any person/s finds the said documents, kindly inform the advocate stating herein. if any person/s misuses the documents, the same is not binding on Mr. Kishore .V and they shall do so at their own risk.

Mr. Akshay S. Vasist
Advocate,
#52, 50 Feet Road, Girinagar,
Bangalore - 560 085. M: 7406100600

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C. Misc. No. 431 / 2020

BETWEEN: Sri Kempanna, S/o Late Yarrappa, aged about 69 years, R/at: Kannamangala Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru-560067 **...Petitioner**

AND : The Tahsildar, Bengaluru East Taluk, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru **...Respondent**

GENERAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The above named petitioner have filed the above petition seeking direction to the respondent authority to enter the name of one **Yarrappa S/o Late Kempaiah**, The Father of Petitioner who died on **15-08-1989**, at his residence Kannamangala Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru, in the birth and death register. Since the above matter is posted for **23-01-2021** before the court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate at Bengaluru. Therefore any person interested may appear before the court on the said date either in person or Advocate, filing which the matter will be disposed on ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this day of 13-01-2021.

By order of the court, Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

Address of the Advocate : **Narayanaswamy M.**, Behind Taluk Panchayath Office, Kammavaripete, Hoskote Town, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
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AND : The Tahsildar, Bengaluru East Taluk, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru **...Respondent**

GENERAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The above named petitioner have filed the above petition seeking direction to the respondent authority to enter the name of one **Ramaiah S/o Late Kempaiah**, The Uncle of Petitioner who died on **20-03-1976**, at his residence Kannamangala Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru, in the birth and death register. Since the above matter is posted for **23-01-2021** before the court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate at Bengaluru. Therefore any person interested may appear before the court on the said date either in person or Advocate, filing which the matter will be disposed on ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this day of 13-01-2021.

By order of the court, Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

Address of the Advocate : **Narayanaswamy M.**, Behind Taluk Panchayath Office, Kammavaripete, Hoskote Town, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SRI.H.V.VENKATE GOWDA** is the owner of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and he has lost original Sale Deed dated 27/9/1997 bearing Doc.No.7950 / 1997-98, Book-I, executed by Sri.B.Venkateshappa in favour of Sri.A.P.Shridhar registered in the office of Sub registrar, Kengeri. In case anybody is in possession of the said document, the same shall be handover to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.2 (Western Portion), Khatha No.69/3, situated at Vajarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 40 feet, in totally measuring 600 square feet and bounded on: **East by :** Remaining portion of the same Property. **West by :** Property No.3, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Owner's Property.

N.JAGADEESH KUMAR, Advocate
No.276, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road,
Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018.

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR

Directorate Head Quarter, Social Welfare
Near 2nd MR Gate
A.T. Line, Imphal – 795001

NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 14th January, 2021

No. 5/1/13-SW(ICDS): Tenders are invited for supply of **2 Packaged Medicine Kits-Medicine Kit-Main & Medicine Kit-Mini for use in the AWCs and Mini AWCs under** Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Manipur. Interested bidders may download detailed tender documents from the following websites:

i) www.manipur.gov.in
ii) www.manipurtenders.gov.in
iii) www.socialwelfare.mn.gov.in

2. Bids are to be submitted **online through e-Procurement/Tender portal https://manipurtenders.gov.in**.

3. Modification/Amendment/Corrigendum, if any shall not be advertised in the newspapers, but shall be uploaded in the website i.e., **www.socialwelfare.mn.gov.in**

Sd/- (Ngangom Uttam Singh)
Director (Social Welfare) Manipur

IN THE COURT OF THE 2nd ADDL. CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU RURAL DIST. BANGALORE
C.Misc. No. 298 / 2020

BETWEEN : 1) Sarojamma, W/o Sampangi ramaya, aged about 65 years, **2) Gowramma**, D/o Venkatappa, aged about 74 years, **3) Nagarathnamma**, D/o Venkatappa, aged about 64 years, **4) Siddareddy**, S/o Venkatappa, aged about 58 years, **5) Savithramma**, D/o Venkatappa, aged about 56 years, **6) Nanjunda**, S/o Venkatappa, aged about 54 years, **7) Manjula**, D/o Venkatappa, aged about 50 years, All are residing at : Sullikunte Village, Sarjapura Post, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District **...Petitioners**

And: The Commissioner, The Registrar of Birth & Deaths, BBMP, Bengaluru **... Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the above Petitioners have filed the Petition for issue of Death Certificate of Deceased, who is the husband of the petitioner No. 1, Uncle to other petitioners name as **SAMPANGIRAMAIAH, S/o LATE THIMMA REDDY, as he died on 19.02.2019** at Sullikunte Village, Sarjapura Post, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District.

Any person interested in this matter, may appear before the above Court at 11.00 a.m. on **21-01-2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing, before the Hon'ble II A.C.J.M. Bengaluru.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 08.01.2021.

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar, Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore Rural, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the General Public, the authorities of Central and State Government including Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru Development Authority, Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited, Karnataka State Board of Auqaf, NGOs, companies, organization as well as Financial Institutions that our client **Mr. Altamush .R** son of Mr. Saifulla .R who is resident of Bengaluru is intended to purchase the immovable property/all that piece and parcel of land bearing number 1652/1, portion of Khata number 1694/1 (formerly bearing site number 9B(41), situated at 8thCross, Vinobha Nagar, Kadugondanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP ward number 30, Bengaluru-560045 and measuring 2040 square feet from its owner Mr. Mohammed Majeed son of Mr. Mohammed Osman who is residing at number 42, 1st Cross, Hidayath Street, Opp. Arabic College P.O., K.G. Halli, Benglaure-560045, if any person or whosoever having any claims, dispute or whatever against or over the aforementioned immovable property including title, possession or what soever may forward their objection to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of such claims within **fifteen days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it will be deemed that there is no claims or whatsoever and thereafter no claims will be considered.

IQRA Law Associates,
Advocates and Solicitors,
19, Lazer Road, Frazer Town,
Bengaluru-560005.

IN THE COURT OF THE XXV ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BANGALORE
C.C. NO. 2471/2013

Between: Vignesh Add's ... Complainant

And: 1. Mr. Pavin Somappa Ponanna, Director of ODM Media Services India Pvt. Ltd., Reg Off at No. 705, 7th Floor, Barton Centre, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001. ... **Accused No. 2**

2. Mr. Arun Kumar Bheemanagowda, Director of ODM Media Services India Pvt. Ltd., Reg Off at No. 705, 7th, Floor, Barton Centre, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001. ... **Accused No.3**

3. Manjula, Additional Director of ODM Media Services India Pvt. Ltd., Reg Off at No.705, 7th Floor, Barton Centre, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001. ... **Accused No.4**

PROCLAMATION NOTICE (UNDER SECTION 82(1) OF CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE)

The above named accused have been issued warrant and however they have been absconding and court being sufficient satisfaction issued Proclamation and NBW on 05-01-2021, where as in view of the above proclamation order the Hon'ble court directed to effect the proclamation by the way of paper publication and it is informed that, the accused shall appear on or before **08-02-2021**, before the Hon'ble XXV Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court at Bengaluru, failing which proclamation shall be effected and consequences thereon.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 15-01-2021.

By order of the Court, Shirestedar, XXV ACMM Court, Bangalore.

TUMKUR VEERASHAIVA CO-OP BANK LTD,

A.O. Dr. S. Radhakrishna Road, S.S. Puram, Tumkur - 572102,
Ph No. : 0816 - 2254394, Fax : 2254027, E-Mail : tvcbank@gmail.com

TENDER – CUM – AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer, **Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd., R.T. Nagar Branch,** has taken possession of the mortgaged properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Description of the Properties Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price and EMD	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date & Time of opening tender & place of auction
	R. T. NAGAR BRANCH, BANGALORE.				
1	**1) Mr. N.Sampath Kumar** S/o Late Nanjundappa **2. Mr. S Kiran Kumar** S/o N. Sampath Kumar, Both are residing at : No.971, Ward No.22, Sree Rama Mandira, 2nd Main Road, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010.	**Item No.1:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Old BDA No. 971, new Corporation No.143, Ward No.22, New Municipal Khata No. 143/1 (Old Khata No.971), PID No.22-2-143/1, 4th Block, 2nd Main Road,Sri Ramamandira, Rajajinagar, Bangalore City, measuring East to West: 23+36/2 Feet, North to South: 45.0 Feet, Bounded By: East: Conservancy Lane, West : Property No.143, North: Property No.972, South: Property No 971 and common passage to Schedule property from Road. **Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 971, Ward No.22, New Municipal Khata No. 143 (Old Khata No.971), PID No. 22-2-143, 4th Block, 2nd Main Road, Sri Ramamandira, Rajajinagar, Bangalore City, measuring East to West: 62+49/2 Feet, North to South: 45.0 Feet and bounded on the: Bounded By: East: Property No 143/1, West : Road, North: Property No.972, South: Property No. 970 and 3 Feet Passage part of Schedule No.1 Property, (Documents with respect to Item No.1 and Item No.2 are related to Property in Schedule No.2).	**Rs. 6,65,24,400/-** (Rupees Six Crore Sixty Five Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred Only) **EMD: Rs.66,52,440/-** (Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty Only) **EMD Last Date Submission 17/02/2021 before 5.00 P M**	**Rs. 5,77,87,569/-** (Rupees Five Crore Seventy Seven Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Nine Only) as on **08/01/2021,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.	**18/02//2021 at 11.30 AM** **Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd. Chamarajapete Branch Bangalore.**

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: -

(1). The Tender form can be collected from **Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd., Chamrajpet Branch, No. 13/154, Manjusha, 5th Main, 1st Cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018. (ph. 080-26616551)** on all working days during office hours. **(2).**The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore- payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **(3).**Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore latest by above mentioned date and time. Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4).** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(5).** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6).** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7).** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders. **(8).** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9).** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10).** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11).** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12).** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13).** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between **10.00 AM and -5.00PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14).** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, **Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd., Chamrajpet Branch, No. 13/154, Manjusha, 5th Main, 1st Cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018** for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property **(ph.080-26616551) E-Mail:tvcbchambranch@gmail.com**

Date: 16.01.2021
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd,

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **SRI. BASAVARAJ KUMASAGI,** aged about 33 years, Son of Late. Mallikarjun, residing at No.156, BMK House, 1st Cross, Sathpagiri Enclave, Kere Kodi road, Abbigere, Chikkabanavar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560090, have entered into an Agreement of Sale to purchase the schedule property with the owner Smt. Latha N, Aged about 49 years, W/o. Sri. Krishnapa, residing at No 13/4, 1st Main Road, Behind Muneshwara Temple, Marenahalli, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru -560 040.

Any person/s claiming any manner of right, title and interest over the schedule property are called upon to lodge such claim/s or objection/s with the undersigned in writing with supporting documents within **7 (Seven)** days from the date of this publication. If no such objections or claims are received within the said period, my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property and the claims received after the said period will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy no 8/1, measuring to an extent of 1 acre out of 2 acres 18 Guntas, situated at halenahalli Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on

East by : Land belonging to Eraiah **West by :** Remaining land in the same Survey Number **North by :** Road **South by :** Land belonging to Narayanappa

Sd/- LAKSHMISHAIAH.S.
Advocate
No.9, 2nd floor, Near Bagalagunte signal, Hesaragatta Main Road, Bagalagute, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru - 560073
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Notice Inviting Limited Tender along with seal e-Tender

1. Online E-Tender along with Sealed Tenders are invited for purchase of approximately 14 dog pups of the following breeds (04 pups of breed Mudhol hounds, 02 pups of breed Kombi, 02 pups of breed Chippiparai, 02 pupps of breed Kanni, 02 pups of breed Rajapalayam, 02 pups of breed Rampur hound) for PTS (Dog) under 23rd Battalion SAF Bhopal (M.P.). Tender documents can be download from website **https://mptenders.gov.in**.
   To obtain Tender form and documents online, deposit fee of Rs.2000/- and e-procurement processing fee online on website **https://mptenders.gov.in** to download Tender form and documents.
2. Tenders and documents can be submitted online on website **https://mptenders.gov.in** till prescribed date and time, and hard copy of sealed tender must be deposited in the office of Deputy Commandant PTS (Dog) 23rd Battalion SAF, Bhadbhada Road Bhopal (M.P.) till prescribed date and time.
3. Visit website **https://mptenders.gov.in** for perusing and downloading detailed information.
4. Time Table -

Sr. no.	Detail of Tender	Date and Time
01	Last date and time for buying online Tender form and documents	18.01.2021, Time 05.30 P.M.
02	Last date and time for submitting online Tender	18.01.2021, Time 05.30 P.M.
03	Last date and Time for depositing sealed hard copy of Tender in PTS (Dog) 23rd Battalion	18.01.2021, Time 05.30 P.M.
04	Date and time for opening Technical Bid	19.01.2021, Time 11.30 A.M.
05	Date and time for opening Prize Bid	25.01.2021, Time 12.00 P.M.

Sd/-
Commandant
23rd battalion SAF, Bhopal

G-17733/20

The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited

H.O: No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560 018.Ph: 26677552

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
[APPENDIX IV (RULE 8-(1)]

Where as the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstructionof Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest ACT 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules. at The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers in the following accounts having failed to repay the amount, notice is here by given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in bellow in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned herein below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited for amount and interest on & other charges.

Date of Possession: 13.01.2021

Name of the Borrower & Description of the Property Mortgaged	Amount outstanding
Applicant. Sri Govindaraju & Smt. Radha All the piece and parcel of The eastern portion of property no.20, Old No.121, present BBMP Khatha No.11/4-1, 2nd Main,Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Mariyappanapalya, K.P.Agrahara, Banaglore.560023, Measuring East to west:15' ft and North to South; 40 ft totally measuring 600 square feet, and bounded on East by : Others Property, West by: Remaining Western portion of same property No.11/4-1, North by: Property No.23 & South by: Road.	**18,21,889/- + Int. thereon 13.01.2021**

Amount paid if any by any of the above borrowers after issuance of Possession Notice, would be reckoned for ascertaining the dues payable at the time of realisation / settlement.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 13.01.2021

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
Bangalore -18

HDFC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED
Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai 400020.
Regional Office : HDFC Ltd, HDFC House, No -51, Kasturba Road, Bangalore -560001
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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ties) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorized Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is","As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the details mentioned below :

Noticeis hereby givento Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)(since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in Column (A) under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd) Secured Creditor's website i.e.

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
SL No	Name/s of Borrower(s)/Mortgager(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Legal Heirs and Legal Representatives (whether known or unknown)Executor(s), Administrator(s), Successor(s) and Assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s) / Guarantor(s) (since deceased), as the case may be.	Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)*	Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft)	Type of Possession	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnestmon eydeposit (Rs.)	Date of Auction and time
(1)	Mr. Deepak Mysore Ananda (Borrower) Mrs. VinayaNandgiri (Co-Borrower) Loan A/c No: 604879969	Rs.17,76,457/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Seven Only) due as on 30.09.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing No.108, Ground Floor of the building known as "PARAS GLOBAL KUTIR", having a super built up area of 985 Sq. Feet along with one reserved covered car parking space in stilt/basement, with corresponding proportionate share of 378 sq. feet of undivided share, right title and interest in the land on which the apartment is constructed at site bearing No.s 30 to 12 and Site Nos. 28 to 32 CMC Khata No. 3634, Present BBMP Khata No. 3634/25/3 to 12 and 28 to 32, land total measuring 38,414 Sq.ft, carved out of converted land bearing Survey No. 25 (converted for non-agricultural residential purpose, vide official memorandum bearing No. B.DIS.ALN. (S) SR (K.T) 67/2003-04 dated : 17.11.2003, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk	Physical possession	Rs.30,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Only)	Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Only)	18.02.2021 12.00 PM TO 12.30 PM
(2)	Mr. Kamal Dhirajlal Soni (Borrower) Mrs. Mita Kamal Soni (Co-orrower) Loan A/c No: 601330878 & 619531679	Rs.19,03,494/- in Loan Account No.601330878 and Rs.9,14,244/- in Loan Account No.619531679 totally accruing to Rs.28,17,738/-(Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Eight Only) due as on 31.07.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential one bed room apartment bearing No. B0801, on the 8thFloor, of Block 'B' within the building known as "NITESH HYDE PARK", having a super built up area of 688 Sq. Feet (63.92 Sq.Mtr.) along with one covered car parking space with proportionate share of 237.38 Sq. Feet (22.05 sq. mtrs.) of undivided share, right title and interest and ownership translating to 0.17% of the land on which the building is constructed, situated at Sy. No. 49 being converted land for residential purpose and presently bearing BBMP Khata No.1225/49, Measuring 05 Acres 17 guntas, situated at Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.	Physical possession	Rs.36.40,000/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Forty Thousand Only)	Rs.3,64,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Only)	18.02.2021 12.00 PM TO 12.30 PM
(3)	Mr. Rahul (Borrower) Loan A/c No: 623254616 & 623746594	Rs.25,11,014/- in Loan Account No.623254616 and Rs.85,725/- in Loan Account No.623746594 totally accruing to Rs.25,96,739/-(Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Nine Only) due as on 30.06.2020	**Schedule A Property:** All that piece and parcel of land measuring to an Extent of 7 acres 28 Guntas Comprising in S.No.73 situated at Kachakaditha Village, Mandikallu Hobli, Chikkaballapura taluk and District. **Schedule B Property:** All that piece and parcel of vacant developed Plot No.71, measuring an extent of 1,500 Sq.Ft.(139.35 Square meters) Khatha Number 1528002002 00720054. East-West - 9.144 meters and North-South - 15.24. Meters. In the approved Layout known as "Anandam Retirement Community" as sanctioned by the DTCP No. 563/14-15 and comprised in part of Survey No. 73 situated at Kachakaditha Village, Mandikallu Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District. And bounded on theEast by : 10 Feet path way. West by : 40 feet road. North by : Plot No.72, South by: Plot No.70, And Plot No. 71 measurement, North to South on the Eastern Side : 30'-0", North to South on the Western Side : 30'-0", East to West on the Northern Side : 50'-0", East to West on the Southern Side : 50'-0".	Physical possession	Rs.27,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Only)	Rs.2,70,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Seventy Thousand Only)	18.02.2021 12.00 PM TO 12.30 PM

1. Inspection Date & Time: 23.01.2021 and 30.01.2021 between 11.AM TO 4.PM
2. Minimum bid increment amount: Rs. 20,000/-
3. EMD Amount Submission on or before : 16.02.2021 Before 5.00 PM

*together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred up to the date of payment and / or realisation thereof.

For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh.N/Shridhar Chinni official of HDFC Limited through Tel No.080-41182283, 080-41182126/ 9449080072.

DISCLOSURE OF ENCUMBRANCES / CLAIMS

To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC, there are no other encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets save and except immovable properties / Secured Assets at Sr. No.3 above and the same is disclosed herein below

ILLUSTRATION ON DISCLOUSRE OF ENCUMBRANCES

There is due payable to builder, 'Bahri Estates Pvt. Ltd.' who have developed the subject 'Anandam Retirement Community – Bengaluru' and the Villas therein, amounting to (S. No. 03,) and Rs.6,31,115/- towards Villa No.71 (Loan Acc. No.s 623254616 & 623746594) (S. No.03). The dues pertain to the maintainable charges and other specific charges as per the Maintenance agreement.

Date : 17.01.2021
Place: Bangalore
Regd. Office: Ramon House, H.T. Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Mumbai – 400020

Sd/-
For Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.
Authorized Officer under SARFAESI Act, 2002

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DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SUB SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT')

At your request, you have been granted by different branches of State Bank of India, Bengaluru, from time to time,various credit facilities by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favor of the bank. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debt has been classified as **Non-Performing Asset on various dates** as mentioned below in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the **Demand Notices as mentioned below**, sent by registered Post Acknowledgement Due calling upon, was un-served/not acknowledged, hence this notice of paper publication is issued.

1. **Name and address of the Borrower**:- **A/c. No.: 64195554834/54000223639/40622/213**
   1. Sri. Harish K. V. S/o. Sri. Venkataramanaiah, 175, 1st Floor, Rushya Shranga Road, Behind Surashi Veg. Hotel, Konanakunte, Bengaluru – 560 062, 2. Flat No. B-002, Rain Bow Kishore Apartment, Sy. No. 61/2, BBMP Khatha No. 671/61/2, Vajrahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru – 560 062. 3. Sri. Harish K. V. S/o. Sri. Venkataramanaiah, **Proprietor: M/s. Padma Enterprises,** No. 135, 1st Cross, Old Bank Colony, Bengaluru – 560 062.
   Outstanding Loan Amount: Rs. 59,52,000/- (fifty nine lakhs fifty two thousand only) as on 28-12-2020. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.
   Schedule of Property Mortgaged: All that piece and parcel of 3 BHK Residential Flat bearing No. B-002, Ground Floor in the Complex known as **"Rainbow Kishore Glendale Apartments"** having Super Built up Area of 1474 sq .ft. & undivided share 536 sq. ft. along with one closed car parking space in the basement of the composite property of an undeveloped residential converted land bearing Sy. No. 61/2 (Item 1 to 6) situated at Vajrahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru District presently within the limits of BBMP having BBMP Khatha No. 671/61/2 standing in the name of Sri. Harish K. V. S/o. Sri. Venkataramanaiah.**Bounded by:** East : Kanakapura Road, West : Property in Sy. No. 63/4, North : Property in Sy. No. 61/1, South : Portion of Property in Sy. No. 61/2
   Date of NPA: 28-12-2020 **Demand Notice Date: 28-12-2020**

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Place : Bengaluru
Date: 16.01.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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A survey conducted by the authority at Chilika Lake in Odisha found that the population of dolphins at the water body has increased to 156 in 2020 against 150 in 2019. The Irrawaddy dolphin is the flagship species inhabiting the Chilika Lake

PM Modi recalls dramatist's works

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vizianagaram

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi recalled the words of renowned freedom fighter, dramatist and social reformer Gurajada Venkata Apparao while addressing the people of the nation on the occasion of launching Covid-19 vaccination.

During his address, he mentioned Apparao's poetry, "Sonta labham konta manukoni, poruguvariki todupadavoi, desamante matti kadoi desamante manushuloyi". He explained the meaning of the lyrics in Hindi.

Appala Rao hailed from Vizianagaram and inspired people by his writings against the British rule and also against social mal-practices.

Taking pride from the mention, people of Vizianagaram recalled the services of Apparo.

Covid tally below 2K

Vijayawada: On a day when the vaccination drive against coronavirus kicked off across the country, Andhra Pradesh saw its active caseload fall below 2,000 for the first time since May last year. Also, no new death was reported in a 24-hour period, a government health bulletin said.

A SHOT TO REMEMBER

MANY TAKE JAB AS STATES BEGIN VACCINATION DRIVE

Telangana accomplishes 84% of the target, Kerala falls short

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram, Vijayawada, Hyderabad, Bhubaneswar

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi launched the nationwide vaccination drive from New Delhi on Saturday, marking the commencement of country's battle against the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Covid vaccination launched in Kerala with 8,062 health workers taking the first dose on Saturday. The plan was to administer 13,300 vaccinations on the first day in 133 centres. The glitch on COWIN portal created problems across the country, including in Kerala. The health department switched to offline methods to sort the issue.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the Covid19 vaccination drive at Vijayawada Government General Hospital on Saturday, Pushpa Kumari, a health worker was the first person to get vaccinated in the state frontline worker to be vaccinated in Andhra Pradesh.

On Saturday, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik interacted with two health workers and a doctor after they were inoculated to take a feedback on vaccination and their effect on them. The CM said that the Covid-19 warriors had served the people during the last ten months without caring for their lives. "We cannot forget their service and sacrifice," he said.

Apollo Hospitals founder Prathap C Reddy takes the vaccine shot in Chennai on Saturday

Completing 84% of the target during the Covid-19 immunisation drive, Telangana accomplished an incident-free Day -1 of the historic Covid-19 vaccine rollout. With this, 3,530 healthcare workers of the targetted 4,200 were vaccinated on the first day. As per the Directorate of Public Health, 20 beneficiaries complained of mere reactions like pain in the arm, rashes and redness.

In Tamil Nadu, the turnout among nurses was low, according to data. At Stanley Government Hospital in Chennai, only two of the 25 registered nurses took the jab. In all of Coimbatore, only 72 of 400 registered healthcare workers turned up for vaccination. Officials are hoping the number will go up gradually in the coming days.

In Dakshina Kannada, 279 docs refuse to take shot

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TILL afternoon, only about 25 per cent of health care workers and frontline warriors had turned up at the vaccination sites. Only later, the state saw a turn out of 60.2 per cent of registered beneficiaries. "Though many people had registered and a target was set accordingly, the apprehensions about side-effects of the vaccine prompted some health care workers to refrain from getting the jab," explained a senior doctor.

In Bengaluru, 59 per cent of health care workers got vaccinated on the first day. According to the data released by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, "Of the 539 people targeted to be vaccinated in the six zones of BBMP, 351 beneficiaries took the vaccine. In the other three BBMP rural zones, the target was 277 for day 1 and 146 took the jab."

The East Point Medical College site in Bengaluru had the lowest number of beneficiaries with only a total of 40 turning up while the target of beneficiaries the day was 97.

In Tumakuru, about 30 per cent of the beneficiaries did not turn up. Similarly, in Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir and Raichur districts, an average of 65% of beneficiaries got vaccinated. In Karwar, about of 50 per cent of the identified beneficiaries took the vaccine.

In Dakshina Kannada, a whopping 279 doctors and medical staff refused to take the Covid-19 vaccine due to apprehensions. The authorities had set a target of 600 for the first day – 100 each at the six vaccine centres spread across the district. But due to some glitch in CoWIN app, the authorities had to leave out 92 from the drive on Saturday and carry on with the remaining 508. Of them, only 229 turned up to get the vaccine.

Dakshina Kannada District Health Officer Ramachandra Bayari told *TNSE* that while 62 persons refused to take the jab after arriving at the vaccination centre, 217 did not even turn up. He attributed it to rumours making the rounds about the vaccine and hoped that from Monday onwards, they will be able to achieve 75-80 per cent of target.

In the districts, Group-D workers who got the vaccination were elated that their efforts in the fight against the pandemic were recognised by the state government. However, in several districts, despite elaborate planning and even though most of the recipients had arrived well in time at the vaccination site, issues with the CoWIN portal hampered the drive.

"This was evident from the number of people vaccinated. Mysuru recorded 324 recipients by 3 pm against a target of 860 and Chamarajangar reported 375 against a target of 600," according to data by the officials in Mysuru.

Speaking about the delay, a nodal officer who did not want to be identified, said that they had not faced such issues during the dry runs and said it was unfortunate to have face delays on the first day. "We had the list, so we entered the details manually and halted the vaccine delivery until the portal became responsive. The issue should be resolved at the earliest. Otherwise, when all the vaccination sites become active from Monday, the delay may get worse," he pointed out.

Interestingly, Group-D and non-clinical health workers, top medical officers and deans of the medical colleges in districts like Ballari, Shivamogga, Hassan, Chikkamagaluru, Davanagere and Chamarajnagar, where Bharat Biotech's Covaxin, which had attracted criticism over lack of trial and efficacy data, was supplied, took the jab as a confidence-building measure.

Mandya Deputy Commissioner M R Ravi, said that even though many had raised concerns about the data of the phase-3 trial, it is absolutely safe and added that those who received the jab will be monitored for a week's time as a precaution for any health issues.

In places where Covaxin was administered, those who got the vaccine had to sign a mandatory declaration to report any health issues at the earliest. This was done at a few sites in Chamarajanagar district, but not in the other districts.

While there were no major side-effects reported in the state, three cases of giddiness were reported from Kalaburagi district in the afternoon and one case of headache was reported in a beneficiary at Nimhans, Bengaluru. He was given a paracetamol and it subsided immediately, reports said.

As per reports, a health care worker in Aland and three from Chincholi suffered giddiness after getting the Covishield vaccine. They were immediately treated and they have recovered within an hour, official sources said.

However, the State Government seem to have not taken enough measures to provide the fact sheets, informing recipients about the vaccines they are being given and the side effects from the vaccine. In some of the sites, TNIE reporters found that the beneficiaries were orally being told by the vaccinators."

Shah: Centre, state committed to work together on all fronts

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THE Union Home Minister also said the State and Central governments are committed to working together for development on all fronts, be it infrastructure, financial assistance, modernisation of the police force, establishing new educational institutions in the state or bringing changes in the agriculture sector to provide assistance to farmers.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, other Union and state ministers were present on the occasion.

While the opposition Congress may have been the target of Shah's attack, his statements also sent out a clear message to Yediyurappa's detractors within the party, that the central leadership is fully backing the CM. After the recent cabinet rejig, a number of BJP leaders have openly criticized the CM, who, in turn, had asked them to discuss their concerns with the central leadership and not damage the party's image.

Shah said the nationwide vaccination drive that was launched on Saturday is a major milestone in the fight against the pandemic. "We are proud of the fact that both the vaccines are made in India and three to four more vaccines are in the pipeline. Under Modi's leadership, India will take the pole position in the global fight against Covid-19," he said. A comparative study will show that India has done much better than many countries in the fight against Covid as the mortality rate is low, the recovery rate is high and infrastructure required to deal with it was put in place in a short span of time, he noted. Shah also asked the Opposition not to politicise the vaccination drive and stressed that there is a need to work unitedly and create confidence among the people.

'Focus on doing away with redundant govt posts'

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

T M Vijay Bhaskar did not even have a proper break after retiring as Chief Secretary recently. Just days after demitting office, the government appointed him as the chairman of the Administrative Reforms Commission-2 and gave him the important task of identifying the government posts that have become redundant with the use of IT and picking departments, boards and corporations that can be merged.

Soft-spoken, but a tough taskmaster, he is known to have played an important role in the State Government's efforts to fight the Covid pandemic. Now, in his new assignment, Bhaskar's priority will be to make government services more citizen-centric. "The aim is also to use technology extensively to lessen the burden of employees and enhance services to the public. We will submit an interim report in three to four months," he told *The New Sunday Express* during an interview. Excerpts.

What are your priorities?

The focus is on improving citizen-centric services and grievance redressal systems. We will emphasise on information technology, especially at places where more number of people visit, like the RTO, DC, tahasildar and sub-registrar's offices. The use of IT here will not just reduce the burden on employees, but also offer quick services to the public. I have taken charge and the work has started. Right now, we are reviewing Harnalli Ramaswamy Commission's recommendations and sent them to various departments to check if they have implemented them.

How do you plan to go about rationalising posts?

I will consult with the Finance Department on rationalising posts. There is the Pay Commission and also cabinet subcommittee which are working on similar issues. They may have also taken some decisions. We will check all these and take it forward.

Will you be looking at creating new posts and doing away with positions that are redundant?

That is a different issue and it will be done wherever required. But now, we are focusing on posts that are unnecessary and can be done away with. This exercise will also save money for the government.

There is a disparity in the salaries of State and Central Government employees. Are you planning any action on this?

It is the work of the Pay Commission and not ours.

What are the major challenges?

The use of more technology. We have to use technology as extensively as private players do. Especially in cities like Bengaluru, people expect the government use of technology to be as good as private players'. We have to incorporate this and that is a major challenge. It will help simplify processes in the day-to-day functioning of the government.

Are you working towards changing the public perception and image of government offices?

Government staffers who interact with the public have to behave properly. If they are courteous, most of the problems and conflicts can be resolved. This needs to be the focus and we will discuss it. If staffers are polite, the people, even if their work is not done, will have a better perception of government offices.

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SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction Sale under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 Section 13(4) of the Immovable properties mortgaged to **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,,** is brought to Sale under **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION".**

Name and address of the Borrower	Description of the Properties	Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price Secured debt EMD Price	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date and Place of Public Auction
Mr. C. JAYAGOPAL S/o C. Chenna Rayudu, Flat No.023. Block-F. Saipoorna Heights, Opp. Families Super Market. Somasundarapaly HSR Layout II Sector. Bangalore.	All that piece and parcel of the BDA Site No.1115, situated at Hosuru Sarjapura Road Layout, Sector VII, after inclusion into BBMP HSR layout Ward No.174, BBMP No. 854/1115, 18th Cross,6th Main, HSR Layout. New PID No. I74-W0140-4.	measuring East to West 15.20 Mts., North to South 23.71 Mts. And Constructions thereon Bounded on the:East by : Property No.1 1 16, West by : Property No.1114, North by : Property No.1138. South by :40 feet Road.	Reserve Price Rs 6,40,00,000 EMD Price Rs 64,00,000	Rs.1,22,70,496 as on 30.04.2019 (interest & other charges + costs, etc)	18.02.2021 at 12:00PM At Head Office, SREE CHARAN SOUHARDHA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD

Terms and Conditions of the Auction:- 1). The auction will be conducted in the premises of above mentioned **SREE CHARAN SOUHARDHA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,** address. 2. For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price of the property being cautioned deposit which is refundable, 3. The successful bidders should deposit 25% of the bid amount on the same day at the sale in cash/D.D to the bank and the balance within 15 days from the date of auction 4. The cautioned deposite shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and condition of public auction, time and commits default in any manner. 5. The successful bidders shall bear all expenses like Stamp Duty, Registration fee etc., for getting the Sale Certificate Registered in his/her favour.6. The schedule property will be auctioned as it is and where it is in the condition under the terms and condition of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. 7. The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof. 8. For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned **Mr. M.V. Venkatesh Deputy Manager (Sale Officer) at Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Head Office, or through Telephone Mob: 9901453379, Phone : 26676837.**

Date: 16.01.2021
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Short Term Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement portal)

Name of work- Appointment of Project Management Consultant (PMC) for the construction of Minority Welfare Department Morarji Desai Residential PU college at Konaje in Mangaluru taluk, Dakshina Kannada district (Package-VI)-2nd Call.

- Tender Reference Number : **KHB/CE/PMC/NIT No. 69/2020-21/ Call-2 Date: 12-01-2021**
- Last date for submission of bid - **27-01-2021 up to 4.00 PM.**

For further information, contact below mentioned office address:
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No.EDU/PR/35/2020-21 Date: 16.01.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION
Through GoK e-Procurement portal only)

BBMP invites proposals from eligible bidders for **Providing Security Services to BBMP Schools and Colleges on Out source basis by interested NGO/Firm/Organization.** Date of commencement of download of document from e-procurement website:https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in **from 16.01.2021 onwards.** Last date and time for uploading Online Queries : **20.01.2021 upto 5.00 p.m.** Date and time of Pre-bid meeting : **20.01.2021 at 11.00 a.m.** Last date and time for uploading of RFP Application : **30.01.2021 upto 5.00 p.m.** Date and time of opening of application : **01.02.2021 at 11.00 a.m.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Education Officer, Head Office.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my client/s are intending to purchase the immovable property consisting of the residential site no. 4BC-413, situated in the East of NGEF Layout, formed by the BDA, Bangalore, bearing BBMP property No. 184/4BC-413, Ward No. 51, situated in Vijinapura, Horamavu Sub-Division, Mahadevapura Zone, Bangalore measuring East to West : 12.20 meters, North to South : 18.30 meters, totally measuring 223.26 sq. mtrs, more fully described in the Schedule hereunder from the Original Allottee / Owner **Sri.C.Hanumanthaiah, S/o. Late Chikkavaddaiah** resident of #534/R, 3rd A main, 3rd Cross, North East of N R Mohalla, Mysuru – 570 007. Any persons having claims, rights, interests of any kind in respect of the Schedule Property or objecting to the sale are hereby called upon to lodge their written objections if any with all details & copies of documents in support of the same within **15 days** of this Publication with the undersigned Counsel either in person or by Registered Post at the Address state hereunder or by E-mail. If no written claims, objections are received by the Counsel within the time period stipulated my Clients as Bonafide Purchases shall proceed to enter and conclude the Agreement of Sale of the Schedule Property with the above named owner, pay advance sale consideration sums, avail loan, credit facilities from the Financial Institutions and obtain the absolute conveyance of all rights, title, interests of Ownership, Possession, enjoyment of the Schedule Property in their names by a registered Sale Deed and conclude the sale Transaction. My Clients will not be liable for any claims made thereafter by any persons in respect of the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property consisting of the residential **site No. 4BC-413,** situated in the **East of NGEF Layout, formed by the BDA, Bangalore, present BBMP property No. 184/4BC-413, Ward No. 51, situated in Vijinapura, Horamavu Sub Division, Mahadevapura Zone, Bangalore** measuring East to West 12.20 meters, North to South 18.30 meters, totally measuring **223.26 sq.mtrs,** and altogether bounded:-

East by : Site No. 4BC-415
West by : Site No. 4BC-411
North by : Site No. 5C-414
South by : Road in 4BC

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The hardest part of ending is starting again

Chester Bennington

ANATOMY OF AN AGITATION

OPINION

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THERE is no issue in today's India more compelling and distressing than the ongoing farmers' agitation in the national capital. Despite several round of talks, the issue remains unresolved. The Supreme Court has now intervened to stay the implementation of the farm laws and constituted a Committee of Experts in an attempt to end the stalemate. The well-intentioned intervention of the Apex Court has added a new dimension to the issue, which may or may not facilitate an acceptable resolution. Any agitation where Government is a party, always presents an unequal power equation. More so, when the agitation gets prolonged. As days pass, it is human nature for both sides to sharpen their tools and harden their stands. Each side begins to work on relative strengths to browbeat the other. In the instant case, Government has all the instruments of the state to deal with the agitation, while the farmers too have their physical and psychological endurance. Both these will be tested with every passing day.

In any dispute, the primary emotion is that of fear on both sides. The farmers fear that the new farm laws will rob them of their assured support prices and the comfort of the tried and tested arrangement of mandis. Though not a perfect system, they prefer the known imperfections to unknown paradise. Government fears that if it concedes to the farmers and rescinds the laws as demanded, it will send a wrong message that Government could be kowtowed by street protests. Government naturally infers that heeding protests could jeopardise future legislations. As the issue remains unresolved beyond a normal period of a few weeks and now that it has acquired a new dimension created by the Supreme Court, these fears keep on mutating like the corona virus.

Consequently, the perception and strategy also keep changing. With every succeeding day, illusions get entrenched on both sides. Each party assumes that the other would run out of endurance and give up. The farmers rightly assume that the agitation will spread to other parts of the country and then Government will have to concede. Government calculates that the agitators cannot endure for long. Against this already murky background, the agitating farmers perceive the Supreme Court intervention as a favour done to the Government that would eventually reiterate the unacceptable laws, maybe with some cosmetic changes.

However, agitations do not follow any predetermined script. Any delayed agitation becomes a game of diminishing returns for both sides. All long drawn out agitations have been essentially zero sum games as in the case of the miners' strike in the UK, or the Railway strike in India, or the prolonged Government employees strike in Kerala and Tamil Nadu. However, there is a stark difference in the present instance as the farmers are not on the payroll of the Government. Their demand is to ensure fair price for their produce and protection from corporate exploitation. The entrenched social cynicism towards salaried class is starkly absent in the case of farmers.

The biggest impediment for the Government to freely negotiate with the farmers, however, lies elsewhere. It is the Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019, and the widespread resistance to it (which, however, seems to have fizzled out with the onset of the pandemic) that is coming in the way of an open dialogue. Government naturally fears that yielding to farmers' demands and revoking the three contentious laws will have its ramifications on the CAA agitation.

The two instances are entirely different. The controversial farm laws directly affect the farmers and their income and well-being. On the other hand, CAA that discriminates on religious identity evokes intellectual and moral issues. The vulnerabilities likely to be induced by the farm laws are a matter of daily occurrence. Unlike the CAA, these farm laws are supposed to be a welfare measure, arguably to expand farmers' opportunities and enhance their income. However, the targeted beneficiary is not convinced; but Government wants to force feed. There was no imminent economic or social breakdown warranting such laws. Its need and urgency are hard to explain. The more the Government insists on these laws, disowned by the target group, the more the perception of the Government as the promoter and protector of corporate interests get entrenched, which further impedes a convincing dialogue. The door towards a solution will open only when Government is able to mentally un-twin these two legislations.

This in fact is a great opportunity for the Government to enhance its pro-farmer image. Instead of harping on the perceived benefits of the legislation, which the farmers are unable to decode, Government may quietly bury the laws, which the Apex Court has in any case stalled. A democratic Government endears itself only when it demonstrates the capability to respect the genuine sentiments and address the apprehensions of its citizens. And no law is so infallible that it cannot be revisited. Even the Constitution was amended repeatedly. Now that the Supreme Court has given a window of opportunity, Government should boldly declare that if the farmers are not convinced about these 'reforms' and their 'benefits', false pride shall not come in the way to repeal these (unwanted) laws. The image managers may seize this opportunity to position Government as the champion of the farmers. At least, the PR potential of such a position should not be missed.

Views expressed are of the author

THE WONDER THAT'S THE INDIAN FARMER

POINT OF VIEW

TJS GEORGE

THE farmers' agitation has become something of an Indian phenomenon. There is no dominant leader or party at the helm. Yet, they carry on with sustained fervour, clear about who they are and what they deserve. They are true sons of toil, working on tons of soil.

(A New York newspaper reported a mining disaster in 1941 with the heading "Sons of toil under tons of soil." Around the same time, Bombay's Free Press Journal used the same headline, written by journalist Stalin Srinivasan. His real first name was Kuppuswamy, but the moustache he nurtured with great care and greater pride was a photocopy of Soviet leader Josef Stalin's thick mop. So he became known as Stalin. Not even friends knew that his real name was Kuppuswamy.)

The sons of toil gathering at the gates of Delhi were confronting a government that was too adamant to listen to them. The government decisions against which the farmers were fighting had been taken consciously by the Prime Minister and colleagues. They were aware that the decisions would help big-time corporates and not the farmers. That was indeed the government's game plan because the corporates were not the old-style "Tata-Birlas" as in the days of Nehru but the new-style "Adani-Ambanis". Tata-Birlas were influential with the government but they tried not to show it. The government also tried to pretend that they didn't care for the big corporates. That has changed. The new corporate bosses are adept at using their influence decisively and openly.

That farmers are taken for a ride in India is an old story. Like factory workers being taken for a ride. But the trade union movement that developed with considerable muscle power took care of the factories despite their tactics that were harmful to economic growth in general. Farmers never attracted the attention that factory workers did, primarily because they were not city-centred and, therefore, not easy to be gathered under a trade union.

That situation now seems to have changed. Farmers have been sensitised about their rights and made aware of the importance of fighting. Since they are not city-centred, their action has taken on a different character. That difference is being held up as their strength. The farmers' rising has certainly attracted public sympathy, one reason being their peaceful approach in contrast to the militancy of the old trade union movements.

Workers were exploited in the old days by factory owners who had their way in everything from working conditions to wages. The exploitation of farmers has not been different. Rules and institutions existed suggesting arrangements to ensure fairness to all. Minimum Support Price sounded like a noble policy, while Agricultural Produce Market Committees sounded like a sensible way to prevent large mandis

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from becoming grounds of exploitation by big corporate operators.

But the ground situation was nowhere as good as the policy platforms suggested. Farmers had no alternative but to sell their produce at prices lower than what was mandated by the Government: Why? No one answered that question openly because no one wanted to confront the big power-wielder in the sector, Shri Middleman, who invariably ended up as the winner, often the sole winner.

Shri Middleman is so influential that he gets the Government to work for him instead of for the farmer or the ordinary citizen. How does he manage that? To get the answer to that question, we will have to know the more common name by which Shri Middleman is known. That name is Dada. In most Indian languages that word is known and dreaded. The wise keep away from Dada. When Dada is looking after the produce of farmers, the wise look elsewhere.

The reality citizens must accept is that Big Corporates are something like Big Dada. Where they operate, they operate according to their own rules. In America, the corporatisation of agriculture led to massive profits for companies. It is a well-established fact that what is good for America is good for India. What big corporates in America welcome as wise policies, big corporates in India also welcome. Bigness has the same logic everywhere.

Some tell-tale things have been happening already. A Congress MP charged that Adani-Ambani groups have registered 53 agro-based companies in the last few months. Farmers have issued a boycott call against Reliance and Adani products and services. This is the first time such open protests have been staged against the two richest Indians. Where are we headed?

GREED GALAXY OF MBAs RUIN ECONOMY

POWER & POLITICS

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ELITISM'S fragility is its strength. It is protected by the moat of money. The world's most adventurous outlier billionaire Elon Musk blasted MBA education as limiting an individual's "... ability to think creatively and give customers what they really need." In the super-hive of financial markets, they are the worker bees who make honey (money) as top executives with pedigree and degree from Ivy League institutions. These ominously overrated overlords operate wealth creation in market-led economies as stewards of top-heavy management structures. They invariably hold glamorous MBA degrees. They are masters of jaded jargon, which can be decoded only by their ilk.

Even highly trained statisticians cannot decipher their mysterious number crunching. Musk, a Stanford dropout, doesn't hold an MBA. In his opinion, "there might be too many M.B.A.s running companies." "There's the M.B.A.-ization of America, which I think is maybe not that great. There should be more focus on the product or service itself, less time on board meetings, less time on financials." He shrugged, "I hire people in spite of an M.B.A., not because of one." His co-business promoter Peter Thiel, the venture capitalist who started PayPal Holdings Inc, advised: "Never ever hire an M.B.A.; they will ruin your company."

The versatile tycoon was addressing business barons who spend huge on hiring MBAs. Over the last few decades, MBAs have infiltrated every aspect of the administrative universe from managing enterprises to advising the state on how to run hospitals, airports, education and infrastructure projects. From New York to New Delhi, a MBA degree from any one of the top ten US business schools is a password to access the highest power centres in any democratic economy.

While the US produces almost 100,000 MBAs annually, India's 5,500 business colleges, including the 20 Indian Institutes of Management, churn out over 350,000 of their desi brethren. Since they can't influence or join the government directly at the junior level, top multinational global strategy and management consulting firms have opened shop since the economic reforms of 1991. Take PricewaterHouse, Mackinsey, Boston Consulting Group, Bain& Company, Accenture, Deloitte, EY, KPMG et al. They wield inordinately insidious influence over policy making that ensures that all their dominance in advising state governments, Union Ministries, state owned banks and universities. Their obvious objective seems to be dismantling the state machinery and creating business for private enterprise at Goliath cost. They do PowerPoint presentations for power, and prepare tender documents. In some cases, the fee paid to the foreign company is higher than the total tender value. In a few states, rookie MBA graduates are attached to the District Magistrates to collect information about a DM's nature and amount of work in order to prepare an administrative restructuring plan. Some even manufactured malafide models to many highly rated banks and corporates, which went bust because of their advice. Their predilection for hiring relatives, progeny of senior civil servants and politicians are free from scrutiny.

Historically, MBAs are hypnotised by lucre. Harvard Business School, the first academic institution to teach business science in 1908, was just a former trade school. Since then, it has become the top moolah minting model. Now, the US has over 500 business schools, which teach the philosophy of maximisation of profit for employers. There is hardly a blue chip company in any of the world's 200 odd countries where an MBA from Harvard, Yale, Wharton, Hass, MIT, Kellogg or Columbia doesn't occupy the top perch. They are taught to follow the Stakeholder Theory of

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management that deals with the ethics and morals of managing a business.

But top economists hold different opinions about who falls in the category of stakeholders. It was Milton Friedman who set the tone by explaining that the Stakeholder Theory means that a company is beholden to its shareholders and must make a profit for them alone. Another set of economists led by Edward Freeman propagated a new definition that maintained every business house must ensure maximum economic welfare of other stakeholders like employees, environmentalists, vendors, government agencies and regional aspirations. Freeman seems to have lost decisively to Friedman. The MBAs only mandate is to use and implement business practices that multiply profits of such shareholders.

MBAs have culturally captured the global ecosystem. In India, the craze for Harvard and other business schools began in 1991. Since reforms were aimed at opening the markets, India lacked an Indian model to unlock its controlled economy. Foreign advisors and experts from America and other Western nations were hired to advise the government. As consultancy became a lucrative business, business owners and senior bureaucrats started sending their kids to the US and the UK to earn expensive MBA degrees. According to an informal study by intelligence agencies, top civil, defence and police officers have sent their brood abroad to expensive colleges during the past three decades. Most of them now work for international agencies, investment firms and consultancy companies in India and abroad. Most top business schools were given liberal financial support by big Indian corporates to get their nominees admitted.

This nexus has led to massive inequitable distribution of wealth in almost all countries. But India is the worst victim of MBA-isation. According to a latest study, India's richest one per cent hold more than four times the wealth of 953 million people who constitute the bottom 70 per cent, while the total wealth of all Indian billionaires exceed the Union Budget. This calamitous clout of the Money Bakers Association (MBAs) aka Boston Brahmins are Guardians of the Greed Galaxy who flattens the masses and inflate the ruling classes. As India looks to become a $5 trillion economy, it must heed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's template of 'Harvard to Hard Work' to create an alternate genre of MBAs —Masters of Better Administration of national resources.

QUOTE CORNER

We not only have an economic imperative to act now, we have a moral obligation. In this pandemic, we cannot let people go hungry. We cannot let people get evicted. We cannot watch nurses and educators lose their jobs. We must act

Joe Biden, US President-elect

We are of one mind that if the whole system has failed, we all must take responsibility, and that has led to the conclusion that I have just offered the king, the resignation of the entire Cabinet

Mark Rutte, Netherlands Prime Minister

When the two images arrived at Vogue, all of us felt very, very strongly that the less formal portrait of the Vice President-elect really reflected the moment that we were living in

Anna Wintour, Vogue editor-in-chief

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Irresponsible statement

I was flummoxed at the statement of SP chief Akhilesh Yadav that he hesitates to get inoculated by the anti Covid vaccine manufactured under the BJP rule. Idiocy of thought and and obstinacy of mind and hatred towards the BJP have touched its zenith by this statement. The vaccine invented, manufactured by Indian researchers and scientists with utmost care for the health of millions of Indians cannot just be ridiculed this way. Akhilesh made this provocative comment thinking that it will hurt BJP leadership but it has actually hurt our researchers and pharma giants. To get inoculated or not may be his personal choice. But he certainly has no rights to ridicule our experts.

BS Jayaraman, Coimbatore

Insolvency code is not enough

Some people think Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 (IBC) is the best bet against India's burgeoning NPAs ('Revoke IBC suspension to resolve stressed assets', TNIE, Jan 15). This craze for global practices will not do good for India. IBC may be a little faster than other recovery measures, but the fact is it is no solution to huge haircuts lenders suffer. Even the much-touted withdrawal of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) applications before admission comes with some waiver or concession on the part of the creditor. Also, IBC's inbuilt easier exit mechanism attracts more businesses resulting eventually in increased NPAs. So IBC or no IBC, pandemic or no pandemic, poor credit management doesn't get addressed in the country.

Geetha BK, Mangaluru

Rot of political dynasties

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was spot on when he said a few days ago that dynastic politics breeds incapability and dictatorship in a democratic set up. Almost all parties in the country with the possible exception of the BJP, the Left, and the AIADMK — as of now — are either dynastic or single individual-centric outfits. They are the very antithesis of democracy. It is time that those who really cared for democracy took up cudgels against them which are virtually fiefdoms of certain chieftains. It is a travesty of justice that dynastic politics was ushered in the country by the Congress which won freedom for the country. Suffice to say, one of worst legacies left behind by Indira Gandhi is the thriving and depraving dynastic politics.

CG Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Transparent vaccination must

Vaccination has eventually kicked off as per the stated schedule and, hopefully, the entire inoculation drive moves seamlessly during the entire span though teething troubles are anticipated despite dry runs but it ought not dampen the spirit. However during the early stages of roll out, the people tend to conform to the SOPs, but later on all caution and procedures are thrown out of the window. This trend has been experienced during lockdown. To obviate this possibility, all agencies which are part of end-to-end administration of vaccines should have well-defined roles and responsibilities coupled with robust oversight. Lastly, the entire process has to be transparent even if things go wrong. The people are waiting with bated breath to witness when shall the country receive the life-saving vaccine.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

Time to end farm agitation

This refers to 'the Centre-farmer talks fail, next meet on 19th' (Jan 16). The stumbling block in the resolution of the standoff is the "repeal of farm laws". The Supreme Court has stayed the farm laws and appointed a panel to resolve the issues. Therefore, the farmers can end the agitation and work for repeal of laws through the panel in their own interest since they are suffering on the roads and in the interest of general public. They can resume the agitation if the laws are not repealed. Farmers also need to drop the proposed tractor rally on the Republic Day as it can lead to violence and loss of property and life.

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
Ridicule Rahul Gandhi all you want but he dares to speak the truth...History will remember him for standing upto the dictatorial regime

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
But on a day like today...after Modi admin approved two Made-in-India vaccines, not a single tweet! Not a word of appreciation from Rahul Gandhi

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavAkhilesh
Would like to know if proper funds are being given for vaccination centres, else how the work will be done? ...We have full faith in our doctors but not in the government

From (Left to right) A medic administers the first dose of Covishield vaccine on a health worker at SKIMS in Srinagar; sanitation worker Manish Kumar became the first recipient of the vaccine at AIIMS in New Delhi; a frontline worker gets the shot at BKC vaccination unit in Mumbai | PTI & SHEKHAR YADAV

EXPERTS STRESS ON STRICT VIGIL AFTER NORWAY CASE

At least 23 elderly people in Norway die after receiving Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine

VOICES

Our scientists and experts were assured about the safety and efficacy, so stay away from propaganda, rumours

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Today we have demonstrated that we can be 'atmanirbhar' in protecting people of India. We have two made in India vaccines

Dr VK Paul, NITI Aayog member

Vaccine wouldn't have been approved unless scientists were sure. I would definitely get myself vaccinated in the next phase

Captain Amarinder Singh, Punjab CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

AS reports of the death of 23 elderly people in Norway after receiving Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine have emerged, experts in India underlined the need to closely monitor adverse events as a massive vaccination drive against coronavirus kicked off in the country.

Experts back home said that such lessons from abroad could be particularly crucial for India where the number of beneficiaries is going to be much higher than most other countries.

"It would be important to closely monitor adverse events of special interest. AESI are a group of safety events that have been identified as important safety signals and a detailed mechanism for tracking, monitoring and reporting have been listed in the WHO vaccine safety manual," said public health expert Oommen John. "Knowing background event rates of safety events is also very important so as to estimate if there are increased incidence of events are attributed to the vaccine or not."

A virologist with the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute said that minutely following adverse events though a proper mechanism was important in India as one of the vaccines, Covaxin, has been rolled out without completing the trials.

"Also, the platform used by Covishield is known to cause neurological disorders in very few people who get vaccinated—so it's important to track what is the impact of vaccines in a real world situation outside clinical trials," he said.

India has declared to vaccinate those above 50 and others with serious comorbidities—numbering about 27 crore.

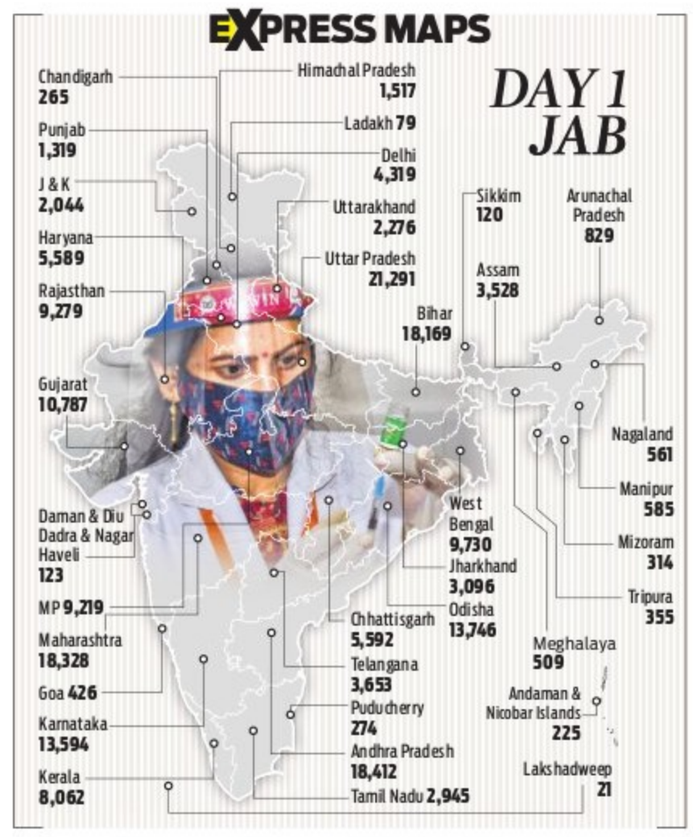
In Norway, where about 30,000 people have received the mRNA vaccine since the end of December, a cautionary advisory has now been issued against vaccinating the elderly people above 80 years, saying those with a short remaining lifespan may not greatly benefit from the vaccine.

The Scandinavian country has also said that Covid-19 vaccines may be too risky for the very old and terminally ill.

As per the details available, of 23 deaths—mostly in people over 80 years- reported shortly after vaccinations, 13 have been autopsied, and the results have suggested that that common side effects such as diarrhoea, fever and nausea may have contributed to severe reactions in frail, elderly people.

The Covid-19 vaccine by Pfizer-BioNTech was the first one to receive emergency use approval in the developed countries after showing efficacy of over 95 % in late stage trials. International reports said that Pfizer and BioNTech are now working with the Norwegian authorities to investigate the deaths. Pfizer however said in a statement that the Norwegian regulator discovered "the number of incidents so far is not alarming and in line with expectations".

EXPRESS MAPS



Maha:Vaccine drive suspended till January 18

Maharashtra temporarily suspended vaccination till Monday after officials faced technical issues with the Centre's software platform CoWIN app. "Vaccination postponed for two days ." the BMC said

Amid Covaxin controversy, PM urges people to have faith in Indian vaccine

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

AMID controversy over Bharat Biotech's Covaxin, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised that people should not fall for propaganda as he launched the vaccination drive to safeguard India's population from Covid-19.

Addressing the nation before the launch at 10.30 am, the PM urged citizens to stay vigilant and maintain all precautions against SARS CoV-2, including masks and distancing, even after getting the shots.

Addressing concerns over Covaxin, he said, "The DGCI gave approval after they were satisfied with the data of the two vaccines. So, stay away from rumours." He added that Indian vaccine developers had global credibility and pointed out that life-saving vaccines given to 60% children globally are made in India. He also underlined that Indian vaccines were cheaper compared to the other global vaccines which required stringent conditions for storage.

"India's vaccines are developed in a way keeping in mind the conditions of the country. They will give a decisive victory to our country," Modi added.

Mentioning the difficult times during the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic, Modi at one point choked up as he spoke about people who could not perform the last rites of their loved ones, those who were separated from their families and the elderly who died in isolation.

"Today when we take a look at the last year, we realise that we have learnt a lot as individuals, family and nation. I want to remember those days when the disease kept people away from their families. Mothers wept for their children but couldn't hold them. Old fathers fought the disease alone in hospitals; their children could not help them. We could perform rituals for those who died due to corona," said the PM.

Striking an emotional chord, he referred to the sacrifices made by healthcare and frontline workers, hundreds of whom have lost their lives over the last several months

"In times of that crisis and atmosphere of despair, some were giving us hope. They were putting themselves at risk to save us — doctors, nurses, paramedics, ambulance drivers, sanitation workers, police and other frontline workers — they prioritised their duty to humanity," he said.

"They stayed away from their families and children; they stayed away from home for days... Hundreds never returned home. They sacrificed their lives to save lives. So today, by vaccinating healthcare workers first, society is paying their debt," said the PM.

HOW COVID HAS HIT INDIA

1,05,42,841
Total cases

1,52,093
fatalities

1,01,79,715
Recoveries

1.44%
Fatality rate

96.56%
Recovery rate

Congress leader, health minister spar over Bharat Biotech vaccine approval

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

SENIOR Congress leader Manish Tewari and Health Minister Harsh Vardhan sparred on Twitter on Saturday with the Opposition leader raising questions over the emergency use approval given to the indigenously developed vaccine Covaxin and the BJP leader hitting back alleging that Tewari was only passionate about spreading rumours.

Referring to the death of at least 23 people shortly after receiving their first dose of Pfizer vaccine in Norway, Tewari said: "Concerns that I have articulated are real and not imagined. It is not fear Mongering. Look what is happening in Norway. It may be a different vaccine but do not hide behind vaccine nationalism. Expected better of you Sir."

"As vaccine roll-out begins, it is all a bit puzzling India has no policy framework for authorising emergency use. Yet, two vaccines have been approved for restricted use in emergency situation," Tewari said in a tweet.

"COVAXIN is another story — Approvals sans Due Process," the former Union minister added.

Responding to Tewari's remarks raising questions over approval to Covaxin, Vardhan, in a tweet, quoted English cleric Charles Caleb Colton who said, "So blinded are we by our passions that we suffer more to be damned than to be saved."

"Sh @ManishTewari & @INCIndia are only passionate about spreading distrust & rumours. Open your eyes, sharing photos of eminent Doctors & Govt functionaries getting inoculated," Vardhan tweeted and posted pictures from the inoculation drive.

In another tweet, Vardhan said the science behind vaccines is resolute.

As vaccine rollout begins, it is all a bit puzzling. India has no policy framework for authorising emergency use. Yet, two vaccines were approved for restricted use

Manish Tewari, Congress leader

Our scientists have worked at lightning speed to expedite functions to development of a vaccine...Safety above all else has been the guiding principle!

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Health minister

Highest number of vaccinated in AP

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HOWEVER, official figures showed that in Delhi alone, 52 cases of AEFI (adverse events following immunisation) were reported among health workers post vaccination. Of these one case turned out to be severe that required hospitalisation.

The Co-WIN software designed for the vaccination drive also reported technical glitches, resulting in delay in uploading the beneficiary list at some sites.

In terms of the number of people vaccinated, the highest was in Andhra Pradesh at 16,693, followed by Bihar (16,401).

The government has procured 110 million doses of Covishield manufactured by the Serum Institute of India and 55 million doses of Covaxin by Bharat Biotech.

Shahnawaz rewarded for J&K work, gets MLC ticket in Bihar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

FORMER Union minister and BJP's national spokesperson Syed Shahnawaz Hussain was named by the party on Saturday its MLC candidate from Bihar.

Hussain appears to have finally been able to find favours with the BJP leadership after he campaigned in DDC elections in the Kashmir valley.

The term for the two seats vacated by the BJP leaders Sushil Kumar Modi and Vinod Narayan Jha will be completing on July 21, 2022. Hussain will be a nominee for the remaining term of the seat in the Bihar legislative council.

Known to be the youngest Cabinet minister of India when Hussain was elevated as Union Minister for Civil Aviation in the council of the ministers headed by the former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, he was seen on the margins of the saffron outfit, with the party denying him Lok Sabha nominations in the 2019 general elections after Bhagalpur constituency had gone into the kitty of JD(U).

While Hussain was the Muslim face of the BJP in the Vajpayee Cabinet, Prime Minister Narendra Modi filled the role with the Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi.

Even while Hussain wasn't considered for the Rajya Sabha nominations, he continued putting forth party's view points as a spokesperson, while taking the role of a campaigner in state elections.

Hussain had campaigned in Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections, and he recently camped in the Kashmir valley for the District Development Council (DDC) polls, with the saffron outfit bagging three seats there.

Hussain had made his debut in the Lok Sabha in 1999, winning the Kishanganj Lok Sabha, and afterwards he shifted base to Bhagalpur, while representing the constituency after 2006 bypoll on the seat and 2009. He had lost the 2014 Lok Sabha elections.

Farmer union moves apex court, seeks panel recast

ENS @New Delhi

A farmer union on Saturday urged the Supreme Court to remove the remaining three members of the committee constituted to resolve the impasse over the three contentious farm laws, and asked the court to choose new people for the commitee who can do the job "on basis of mutual harmony".

The Bhartiya Kisan Union Lokshakti said the principle of natural justice will be violated as those appointed to the four-member committee "have already supported these laws". The farmer union, in an affidavit, also sought dismissal of a plea of the Centre, filed though the Delhi Police, seeking an injunction against the proposed tractor march on January 26.

Supporters of farmers' protest get NIA summons

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chandigarh/New Delhi

AFTER the raids by the income tax department on commission agents in Punjab who are supporters of farmers' protest, the National Investigation Agency has served notices to 12 activists who have supported the agitation, including Baldev Singh Sirsa, the president of the Lok Bhalai Insaf Welfare Society.

Sirsa, who has been part of the farmers' team in the talks with the Centre, has been summoned by the agency for questioning on January 17, two days before the 10th round of talks.

The NIA said Sirsa had been called as a witness in connection with a terror funding case registered against the Sikhs For Justice, a banned Khalistani outfit. "A notice has been sent under Section 160 CrPC, which is done for witness summons," an official said.

The others who have been summoned include Baltej Pannu, a radio and TV journalist working with American and Canadian media houses, activist Jasveer Singh, Jasbir Singh Rode, Balwinder Pal Singh, Sukhpreet Singh Udhoke, Karnail Singh, Mandeep Singh, Paramjit Singh, Ranjit Singh, Surinder Singh, Pardeep Singh, Inderpal Singh Judge, Naresh Kumar and cable TV operator Jaspal Singh. "I will appear before the NIA. I will also join the tractor march on January 26," Jasveer said. But Sirsa said he will not appear before the NIA now because he would be busy in his granddaughter's wedding.

BACHCHAN SHOW

Bollywood star Amitabh Bachchan will soon host a reality show to promote Uttarakhand tourism. A decision in this regard was taken by the Uttarakhand Cabinet late on Friday night

2K BIRDS CULLED IN 2 MAHA DISTRICTS OVER BIRD FLUE SCARE

Ahmedabad	30	15	Mumbai	31	23
Bhopal	30	14	Panaji	31	24
Jaipur	25	13	Patna	22	10
Amritsar	15	6	Lucknow	22	11
Chennai	29	20	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	25	15	Imphal	23	8
Srinagar	7	-3	Chandigarh	24	7

BJP to scan TMC defectors before induction in WB

Decision taken in view of disquiet among old workers, concerns raised by Sangh leaders

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

A week after BJP chief JP Nadda visited West Bengal and asked the party's core panel to list reasons for a large-scale migration from the Trinamool, the party brass has decided to tweak its strategy of embracing all and sundry. Instead, it has recommended that the defectors should be scanned before their induction into the saffron camp.

The party's change of stance came at the instance of Home Minister Amit Shah who met Bengal functionaries on Friday night in Delhi. The rethink came a few days after the RSS, in its three-day workshop in Ahmedabad, raised questions on the mass induction of all TMC defectors in the BJP.

The "surveillance" is said to be aimed at addressing two issues: stem disgruntlement among the party's old workers and blunt the attack of the ruling party labelling the saffron camp as a 'washing machine' for tainted TMC functionaries. The state BJP has made inroads into the state on the basis of anti-TMC vote share. A section of BJP leaders said the mass inclusion in the party will send out a wrong message to the party's anti-TMC vote-bank.

"The leadership wants us to examine the prospective defector's antecedents, their image in public and their winning chances in the Assembly elections due in a few months. Many TMC defector MLAs had failed to secure a lead in their Assembly constituencies in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections," said a senior BJP leader.

In response to Nadda's curiosity about exodus from the TMC, the members of the core committee, in a meeting with the BJP chief in Burdwan on January 9, said the turncoats are either aspiring to contest in the Assembly elections on saffron camp's tickets or looking for berths in the hierarchy.

"The party's national leadership has realised that the TMC MLAs are shifting their political alignment towards the BJP with an aim to get ticket and contest in the elections and their followers are looking for berths in the hierarchy. There are incidents of clashes between the party's old workers and newcomers. If we continue welcoming all defectors, our intra-party dissent will become prominent before the polls," said another BJP leader.

Now, forest minister says he is unhappy

Forest Minister Rajib Banerjee, in a Facebook Live session, expressed his unhappiness on Saturday saying the party leadership did not pay any heed to the lower-tier workers. He also alleged he was "stopped" on many occasions when he tried to do something for the common people

BJP's Bengal observer Kailash Vijayvargiya had said two days ago that at least 41 TMC MLAs are queuing up to join the saffron camp. But, state BJP chief Dilip Ghosh has made it clear that the newcomers would have to go through the party scanner.

"We will not induct all. A final decision will be taken by the national leadership after scrutiny," he said.

West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh (R) hands over the party flag to a group of lawyers after they joined the saffron party in Kolkata on Saturday | PTI

HIT BY TWO LOCKDOWNS, TOURISM IN KASHMIR FACES A BITTER WINTER

TOURISTS VISITED J&K IN 2020

41,267 TOTAL

37,370 DOMESTIC | 3,897 INTERNATIONAL

TOURIST ARRIVAL IN 2019

5,65,532 TOTAL

5,31,753 DOMESTIC | 33,779 INTERNATIONAL

ZAHOOR PUNJABI

93% is the drop in domestic tourist arrivals in 2020

88% drop in foreign tourist arrival in 2020

DOMESTIC TOURIST ARRIVALS INCREASED SINCE OCTOBER 2020

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
2,659	6,271	13,148
38	56	89

0 TOURIST ARRIVAL IN APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2020 DUE TO LOCKDOWN

TWO LOCKDOWNS

First lockdown since August 5, 2019 over scrapping of Article 370 & bifurcation of state into UTs

Second lockdown from March 19 over Covid-19

We are receiving enquiries from people, but there have been no bookings. With Europe now closed after another outbreak of Covid-19, there is a chance that people from within the country might prefer to visit Kashmir — Abdul Rasheed, Houseboat Association

Probe Balakot air strike info leak: Oppn

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mumbai/New Delhi

OPPOSITION parties, mainly the Congress, have demanded an investigation into the purported WhatsApp chat between Republic TV editor Arnab Goswami and former Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) CEO Partho Dasgupta in which the former is alleged to have told the incarcerated executive that India would strike at Pakistan three days before the actual airstrike against terror targets at Balakot in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

The purported conversation, on February 23, 2019, revealed that the government had planned the airstrike "in a way" that the people would be "elated" at "something major".

Three days later, on February 26, the IAF conducted an aerial strike at a terror training centre in Balakot of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in retaliation for the February 14 Pulwama terror attack in which 40 CRPF personnel had died.

The Opposition said the alleged leak of classified military information in advance amounted to treason and they should be prosecuted. The WhatsApp chats are part of the Mumbai Police's charge sheet, submitted before a court, in connection with the case of alleged manipulation of TRPs by news channels, including Republic TV.

Demanding a probe into the purported conversation, senior Congress leader and minister in the Chhattisgarh government T S Singh Deo tweeted: "It's a major security lapse if our military secrets & strategies on Balakot strike were leaked by someone in Central Govt to pvt players for their benefit. This calls for an investigation & prosecution of culprits. Leaking of classified millitary information amounts to treason."

Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi suspected that "someone very senior in the government" could be leaking the confidential information. "Arnab's chats dated 23.02.2019 refer to sharing of Intel reaction along the Pak border. It means someone very senior in Govt is leaking highly confidential info which may endanger the lives of our soldiers & so that mercenary considerations can add to TRPs," he tweeted.

Maharashtra Congress spokesperson Sachin Sawant said the party has decided to meet the state home minister, Anil Deshmukh, with a complaint against Goswami over the issue. Meanwhile, Dasgupta was admitted in the government-run JJ hospital late on Friday night. He was arrested and lodged in Taloja jail. Sanjay Surase, superintendent of the hospital, said the sugar level of Dasgupta had spiked and the oxygen level had come down.

"He is admitted in ICU and he is stable now. He is diabetic. We have given him oxygen and are closely monitor his health; there is nothing to worry," Surase said.

Dasgupta's daughter, Pratyusha Dasgupta, tweeted that her father was brought in an unconscious condition from the jail to the hospital. "But no one from our family was informed about my father's health... My father was suffering numerous ailments that include diabetic, hypertension, and ankylosing spondylities and autoimmune disorder. He has been ill treated and traumatized, therefore he should be shifted to private hospital. We are ready to bear the cost of his medical expenses," she tweeted.

EXPRESS READ

Social boycott over exposing corruption

GUWAHATI: A woman in the hilly state of Meghalaya has alleged she is facing social boycott in her village for "exposing" corruption in the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). Thrina Suchen, who hails from East Jaintia Hills, alleged the village authorities had on November 30 last year barred the villagers from buying items from her shop. She said she started facing the boycott from the time she had lodged a complaint with authorities alleging corruption in the scheme. However, the district magistrate has refuted the claims of the woman.

No encounter, militancy-related death so far in J&K in new year

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

THE militancy-hit Kashmir has been peaceful this year so far with no encounter taking place between the militants and security forces and no reported death in militancy-related violence in the first two weeks of 2021.

The last encounter in the Valley took place on December 30, 2020 at Lawapora in the outskirts of Srinagar. The incident raised some controversy as the security forces claimed the three men died in the encounter were militants, while the relatives of slain youth alleged their wards were innocent civilians and not militants. Also, the police said the three youth were not listed militants. Compared to this year, the first encounter in 2020 took place on the 7th day of New Year, in south Kashmir's Anantnag district in which a local militant was killed.

When asked about the current situation, a security official said there have been no let up in anti-militancy operations and security personnel are continuing their operations even in the chilling and intense cold in the Valley.

In 2020, a total of 225 militants, including 46 commanders of different militant outfits, were killed in Jammu and Kashmir. Of them, 207 were killed in 90 gunfights in Kashmir and 18 in 13 gunfights in Jammu region. About 60 security personnel were also killed in militancy-related violence last year.

Barring a grenade attack on an ITBP vehicle at Tral on January 2 in which eight civilians were injured, no other major militancy incident has taken place in the Valley so far this year. Also, there has been no militancy-related killing in the region this year so far. Last year 38 civilians were killed in militancy-related incidents in the J&K.

STANDOFF

Deployment along LAC 'rebalanced'

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

THE Army has reorganised its deployment along the northern borders in view of prolonged tension in eastern Ladakh since May last year. New formations are being made to suit the unique geographical and operational requirements.

Army Chief General MM Naravane had said on the eve of the Army Day on January 15 that the eastern Ladakh incident has prompted the force to restructure and enhance its capabilities.

The Mountain Strike Corps (MCS), also known as 17 Corps, will have three-four integrated battle groups instead of the usual 'division patterns'. The overall structure of the MSC has been shelved in favour of a more suitable and futuristic requirement. "We will have three-four integrated battle groups as part of the MSC," the Army chief told this paper.

Talking of reorientation, Gen Naravane said one brigade from the Northeast has been pulled out and that a couple of brigades could also be pulled out to be deployed as per the primary role of the Army, which is to deal with external threats. A traditional brigade consists of around 3,500-4,000 personnel and a division comprises 10,000 to 12,000 personnel.

As per the broad plan, the Army will have a total of 12-13 integrated battle groups with each consisting around 5,000 personnel. Each of these groups will have personnel drawn from every arm, varying as per the task and terrain to facilitate rapid deployment with added firepower.

VIP GUEST

Bastar collector makes a risky visit to Maoist stronghold, spends night in tribal hamlet

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

THE tribal inhabitants of a remote Maoist stronghold in Chhattisgarh's Bastar district had a surprise guest when the district collector decided to spend a night in their village to get first-hand knowledge of the ground situation. Rajat Bansal, a 2012-batch IAS officer and the Bastar district collector, travelled on a bike and then trekked through hostile terrain for a few kilometres to reach Koleng.

The hamlet, adjoining Odisha border and located at a distance of 45 km from district headquarters Jagdalpur, has a population of over 300. The village is located in Darbha block, which had drawn nationwide attention after the Red rebels eliminated several top leaders of the state Congress in an attack in 2013.

As the Maoists continue to pose threat in the region, security forces had advised Bansal not to venture into the area during late evening hours. However, the Collector had his own plans and he reached the village at around 3 pm accompanied by a small team.

Never in their wildest dreams had the villagers imagined that they would be hosting the district collector. It was a sheer surprise for them as Bansal was the highest-ranking civil administrator ever to visit their village since Independence. Bansal is said to have keen interest in understating the pressing needs of the region which is symptomatic of three-decades of violence unleashed by the outlawed CPI (Maoist) in south Chhattisgarh.

During his around 24-hour stay, Bansal relished tribal cuisine, tried his hands on their traditional musical instruments, engaged in local sports, participated in an awareness rally and interacted with villagers.

"We also wished to understand the choices that the local tribals make as the situation is turning away from the purported ideological leaning towards the banned outfit in the area," the collector said.

Bastar-based journalist Dharmendra Mahapatra said the villagers told him that collector enquired about their needs and whether they are able to access welfare schemes launched by the government. "Instead of engaging mediators, he was more inclined to get the first-hand information from the ground regarding the reach of administration," said the scribe.

Bastar Collector Rajat Bansal playing traditional drum in Koleng hamlet | EXPRESS

Weekly off for cops posted in police stations

The Police personnel posted in different police stations in the state would be given one day weekly off to relax and do their pending works. Director General of Police (DGP) MV Rao announced that this facility will be provided only to those who are posted in police stations and not other offices. The initiative is expected to release mental tension among police personnel in the field duty so that they can rejuvenate during their off days and get back to work. According to the DGP, if the initiative works, it may be extended to other offices of the department.

RANCHI DIARY

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Wanted Maoist Mukesh Ganjhu surrenders

Wanted Maoist leader Mukesh Ganjhu, who is having a bounty of ₹15 lakh on his head, surrendered before the state police. He was much sought-after by Central agencies like the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in connection with a terror funding case. Wanted in several states, including Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha and Chhattisgarh, the extremist leader was behind the killing of a journalist, among many other crimes registered against him in various police stations across these states. Mukesh Ganjhu is an accused in dozens of cases including murder, rape, extortion, abduction and gun battle with police, a police officer said on condition of anonymity. The Red rebels are already facing a serious crisis owing to the Covid restrictions and increased security vigil.

Daytime flights to resume from Jan 16

The Birsa Munda Airport in Ranchi resumed regular flight services from Saturday after keeping daytime flights suspended for two months due to maintenance of runway. At least 20 flights will be flying from the state capital daily from January 16. Flights were suspended from 10.30 am to 5.30 pm from November 16 to keep the runway free for "carpeting". The suspension of flights led to rescheduling of several flights and left travellers with no option but to either take early morning or post-sunset flights.

Campaign organisers get notice from police

The Jharkhand Police will send notices to those who joined the campaign 'Justice for Ranchi's Nirbhaya' on social media after the headless body of a woman was found at Ormanjhi in Ranchi on January 3. The Director General of Police (DGP), MV Rao, said that those people who joined the campaign 'Justice for Ranchi's Nirbhaya' will be asked what information they have in their possession in connection with the case. DGP Rao further said that after the woman's head was found in Ormanjhi, some people started spreading rumours in social media. Some of them had even determined the girl's religion and caste and claimed that she was gang raped.

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No: CIMS 23 & 24 Tender 2020 Date: 11-01-2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Director & Dean, Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Chamarajanagar invite the tender from eligible tenderer in TWO cover system through e-procurement for having 1. Supply of Drugs and Consumables to CIMS teaching hospital. Chamarajanagar (CIMS 23 Tender 2020). Re-Tender value Rs. 163.62 lakhs, Date and time for uploading the tender is from 13-01-2021 at 10.00AM to 28-01-2021 up to 5.30PM and 2. Supply of Books and Journals to Medical Education Unit of CIMS, Chamarajanagar (CIMS 24 Tender 2020). Tender value Rs. 3.00 lakhs. Date and time for uploading the tender is from 13-01-2021 at 10.00AM to 28-01-2021 up to 5.30P.M and any more details can be obtain from the website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in w.e.f on 13-01-2021.

Sd/- Director & Dean,
Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences,
Chamarajanagar

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

BANGALORE RURAL ZILLA PANCHAYATH

O/o Executive Engineer,Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Bangalore Rural, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No.08/2020-21 DATED: 16.01.2021

E-Procurement Tender Notice

Tenders are invited through e-procurement by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Rural, For Different head of accounts works. The work details can be obtained from the e-procurement Web Site **(http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)**. The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted on or before **Dated: 01.02.2021 upto 4.00 pm**. Further details contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division,
Bangalore Rural Dist, Bangalore.

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(Wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)

BRIEF SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL)

BESCOM invites tender through e-Procurement for the following Enquiry Nos.: SEE/EEO/AEEO/TTK/SDP/20-21/Enq-008, 009, 010 & 011 Date: 16.01.2021. Particulars: For Execution of Evacuation of New 11KV/Link Line, HT & LT Reconductoring works under SDP (2020-21) on Total Turnkey under Percentage Rate Contract basis in Madhugiri, Sira, Kortagere and Pavagada Taluk of Madhugiri Division Jurisdiction of Tumkur Circle, BESCOM. **Bid Document available from 18.01.2021 16.00 Hrs to 01.02.2021 up to 16.00 Hrs. Last date for Receipt of Bid Document: Up to 01.02.2021 16.00 Hrs. Opening of Bid Document: 02.02.2021, 16.30Hrs.** The bid documents can be downloaded through e-procurement portal from the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Aspiring bidders need to register on e-procurement portal. Further bidders can take assistance with procurement help desk at 080-25501216 and 25501227.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.)
C, O&M Circle, BESCOM, Tumkur

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VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Executive Engineer Office, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Limited, Upper Bhadra Project, Division No.5, Chitradurga.
Phone No.:08194-230102 E-mail:eeubp.d5cta@gmail.com

No.EE/UBP/VJNL/DIV-05/CTA/SCP-TSP/Corrigendum/2020-21/1086 to 1091 Date:12.01.2021

SHORT TERM e-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-2 NOTIFICATION

(Only throug h E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL)

Due to technical reasons,06 no workscalendar events of this office Short terme-tender Notification No.EE/UBP/VJNL/DIV-05/CTA/SCP-TSP/Tender/2020-21/924 to 929 Date:25.11.2020 (indent No.VJNL/2020-21/IW/WORK_INDENT 1551, VJNL/2020-21/LI/WORK_INDENT 1535, VJNL/2020-21/CT/WORK_INDENT 1536, VJNL/2020-21/IW/WORK_INDENT 1537, VJNL/2020-21/IW/WORK_INDENT 1538, VJNL/2020-21/IW/WORK_INDENT 1539) has been rescheduled as mentioned below.1) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications:16.01.2021 up to 17.00PM2) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders up to 20.01.2021 up to 4.00PM3) Date & Time for Opening of Bid:21.01.202104.30 PM on wards.4) Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid. For more details please contact 08194-230102 during office hours. Bidders are requested to get updated with the corrigendum /addendum (if any) issued on line in the entire tender process at website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CTA/MCA/655/2020-21 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client intends to purchase the property morefully setout in the schedule given below and hereinafter referred to as the "Schedule Property", from its owner, Sri. Munirathna son of late Sri. Subramani Naidu, residing at No.147, 11th A Main, Vyalikaval, Bengaluru 560003.

Any person/s whomsoever having any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner or objecting to such sale in favour of our client should write to the undersigned within **seven (07) days** of issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing their rights with regard to the Schedule Property. If no claims or objections are received within the stipulated time, it shall be deemed that the Schedule Property is free from all acts of encumbrances or claims whatsoever of any nature and our client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant property bearing Municipal No.34 (comprising of earlier No.34 and No.34/1, old BDA Site No.34), presently bearing BBMP PID No. 99-34-44, situated at 2nd Cross (earlier 1st A Cross), Ward No. 34, Rajmahal Vilas Extension, Bengaluru 560080, measuring East to West :- 60' (sixty feet) and North to South :- 45' (forty five feet) and bounded as follows :-
On or towards the East by :- Property bearing No. 25
On or towards the West by :- Road
On or towards the North by :- Property bearing No.35 and
On or towards the South by :- Property bearing No. 33
Along with all appurtenance, easements, edifices and further right of access etc

HARISH SATHYA
Sathya and Co.
Advocates and Legal Consultants
57, 1st floor, 7th Cross, Central Street,
Kumara Park West, Bengaluru 560020.
Ph : 080-23460262/ 41158500. e-mail : harish@sathyaandco.com

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.

KMML
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking)
Sankaramangalam, Chavara - 691 583
Kollam, Kerala, India. Phone: 0476-2686722 to 2686733 (12 Lines), E-mail: contact@kmml.com

TENDER NOTICE

Competitive Tenders are invited for the following. For more details please visit the E-Tendering Portal **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com**

No.	Tender ID	Items
1	2021_KMML_406437_1	AMC for Blasting Jobs in TP Unit of KMML 2021-2023

Chavara
17.01.2021

Sd/-, HOU (T)
For the Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

Our products: Titanium Dioxide, Titanium Tetra Chloride, Nano Titanium, Titanium Sponge

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mysore

BRIEF NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Superintending Engineer, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mysore invites on behalf of the President of India, sealed item rate tenders from experienced Contractors with sound financial & technical capacity for the following work(s):

Tender Reference No.	**BARC/MYS/PM/PK/Piping/2020/**
Name of work	Carrying out piping, minor piping modification, fabrication, erection & testing of SS process piping and related structural work in DF – 2.
Estimated Cost	**Rs.4,40,000/-** (Rupees Four Lakhs Forty Thousand only)
Earnest Money Deposit	NIL
Bid Security Declaration	Bid security declaration in lieu with EMD (Bid Security) as per enclosed format should be duly filled, signed and submitted by the bidders. If a bidder withdraws or modify his submitted bid during the period of the validity, the bidder will be suspended for a period of one year.
Period of Completion	**03 Months**
Tender Sale Period	**18.01.2021 to 28.01.2021**(10.30 hrs. to 15.00 hrs.)

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender(NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details.

Sd/-
(**Superintending Engineer**)
For & on behalf of the President of India

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer KNNL, GRBCC Div No. 2, Hidkal Dam Office Tel. No. 08333-263242 / Fax No. 08333-263405 / e-mail: eegrbc2@gmail/eegrbc2@yahoo.com

No.:KNNL/GRBCC-2/DB/TND/2020-21/2980 Dated: 15-01-2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement system only)

Pre-qualification cum Short Term tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore from eligible bidders /contractors, for the works detailed below (as per KTPP Act 2000), on The intending bidders can submit tenders / bids as an individual / Tie up, to be formed prior to the bidding only through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka website, https://www.eproc.karnataka. gov.in under Two Covers. The Two Cover System consists of two sections, the first section is Technical Bid and the second section is Financial Bid. The detailed/blank tender document can be viewed / downloaded from the date & time of publication of tender in e-procurement portal. Stipulated time for submission of tenders/bids, for the works noted herein under, is as per KTPP Rules, Chapter-V, Rule-17, sub rule (2).

Indent No-30711
1)Estimated Amount Put to Tender-Rs. 53.56 Lakhs,
2)Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)- Rs.54,000.00

The calendar of events will be as per the schedule in the e-procurement portal.

a)Last Date & Time for tender queries / Clarifications: 18-01-2021 11:30 Hrs, b)Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders: 22-01-2021 17.30 Hrs, c)Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid/tender: 25-01-2021 11.00 Hrs onwards, d)Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid/tender : Will be intimated separately to the Technically qualified bidders

Corrigendum, addendum, etc to the tendered work and any change in, Amount Put to Tender (APT), Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and conditions, etc for the above works, will be notified in e-procurement platform and the details of the same can be had from this office.

Further any information / queries / clarifications can be had from the under signed through phone No. 08333-263242, fax No. 08333263405, email: eegrbc2@yahoo/gmail.com & from helpline Nos of e-portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in during office hours, before date & time allowed / notified.

Note: Any change / extensions etc., in the tender schedule (calendar of events) will not be published / advertised through news papers, changes will be updated on/in e-procurement portal only.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
KNNL, GRBCC Div No. 2,Hidkal Dam

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1117/MCA/2020-21

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MISSING

The girl shown in the photograph named Lekshmi, age 20, D/o Lalu, Lekshmileyam House, Pampuram, Parippally, Kollam, Kerala has been missing from her home since 06.01.2021.

Identification Mark: Normally wearing Churidar, Leggings or Jeans, Height 5 Feet, Fair coloured skin. If any information received about the missing girl, please be informed to the nearest police station or contact with the given phone number.

Parippally Police Station: 0474-2572065;
Inspector SHO - 9497947128, SI of Police: 9497980201.

Sd/-, Inspector SHO
Parippally Police Station

112/F2/2021/I&PRD

Government of Karnataka
Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Mysore

Short Term Tender Notification No: 40/2020-21 Dated:13-01-2021

short term tender notification is as below.

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Items rate tenders under KW-1,KW-2 and KW3 Standard Bid documents (one to Two cover system) has been called for **06 works (Estimate cost from 8.50 to Rs 56.00 Lakhs)** of Hunsuru Taluk under the Head of Account: 2020-21 Jal Jevan Mission. Tender is been invited as per Karnataka transparency Act G.O.No.FD9 PCL 2004 Dt. 06.08.2005 and as per recent amendments, Date of uploading Tender forms under e-procurement **Dt: 16-01-2021 11:00 AM onwards,** Last Date for submitting the filled Tender forms is **05-02-2021 upto 5:00PM, Opening of Technical bid 06.02.2021, 05.30 PM** onwards, Prebid Meeting Dt:18-01-2021, Opening of Financial bid after approval of Technical bid. Eligible Agencies can participate in the tender process and for e-procurement support contact e-procurement Tel. **Phone No 080 – 22485867, 080-22485927.** For more details log on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the Officer under signed at office hours. Phone No.0821-2460 495. Tender Form **Fees – As per e-procurement.**

DIPR/DD-MYS/MCA/902/2020-21 **Sd/-Executive Engineer,**

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India

Malleswaram Branch
No.116, 11th Cross, Sampige Road,
Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003.
Phone: 080 - 22958228/22958227,
Email:malleswaram@unionbankofindia.com

[See Provison to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]
Notice of 30 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

E- Auction Sale Notice for Immovable Property

E-auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable Assets under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with the provison of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) **Ramesh Bomme Gowda and Ramya Ramesh Gowda** both at No.539, 12th Cross, 5th Main RMV 2nd Stage, Dollars Colony, Bengaluru-560094, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/Charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical/Constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is", and "Whatever there is"basis,** on **18.02.2021 From 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM** for recovery of **Rs. 2,40,12,467/-** (Rupees Two Crores Forty lakhs Twelve Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Seven Only) together with future interest from **01.01.2020** and legal/other expenses due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from **Bomme Gowda and Ramya Ramesh Gowda** The Reserve Price for Property will be **Reserve price Rs.377.00 lakhs** and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)will be **Rs.37.00 lakhs**" to be deposited on or before the commencement of E Auction"

Description of immovable secured assets to be sold:

All that part and parcel of residential property Flat No.134, Block No.1, Municipal Corporation No.15/12, Ward No. 78, situated in the Second Floor of the apartment building knows as "The EMBASSY" constructed on the schedule A property, including covered car parking in the basement floor and common facilities of the association of the EMBASSY apartments and having total super built up area of 2337 Sq.ft. together with 924.68 Sq.ft of undivided share right title and interest in A-Schedule property.

Schedule A: All the piece and parcel of land and property bearing corporation Old No.3, Subsequently renumbered as No.7 and now numbered as No.15, situated in Ali Asker Road, Corporation division No.71, Bangalore-560001 and in all measuring above 9363 sq. mtrs and bounded on the: East-Premises bearing New No.16 and Old No.4 and 3 of Ali Askar Road measuring about 383 feet (116.76 mtr) on that side; West- Carmelite convent bearing Municipal New No.14 and Old No.2 and also the portion of the land retained by Mrs. Nizami and measuring about 288 feet (87.79 mtr) plus 136 feet (41.46 mtr) on that side; North-Premises bearing New No.11 and Old No.9 of Cunningham road and measuring about 240 feet (73.17 mtrs) on the side; South - Ali Askar road and measuring above 245 feet (74.69 mtr) plus 80 feet (24.39 mtr) on that side.

Details of encumbrances Known to the secured creditor -Nil

The aforesaid property/ies will be sold by "Online The Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website **www.mstcecommerce.com** on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. The intending bidders / purchasers required to register through **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp** by using their mobile number and valid email-id. They are further required to upload KYC documents and Bank Details. The interested bidder may contact the Branch Manager of **Union Bank of India, Malleswaram Branch Manager 080-22958227, 228, Mob: No. 9886185288 or The Authorised Officer: 9986070432 E-mail: malleswaram@unionbankofindia.com** for inspection of property and also visit the aforementioned site for ascertaining the details of action

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES.

This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and Guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 16.01.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India,

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. 903/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/EE(O)/T-1/20-21/6660-71 Date: 16.01.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites Tenders for the following works.

1) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/EE/AEE-1/20-21/110KV/STN-15/Belur/2. (Call-2) for Replacement of 1x10 MVA, 110/11kV transformer by 1x20 MVA, 110/11kV transformer at 110kV **Belur** sub-station in Dharwad Taluk & District **on Partial Turnkey Basis. (Reserved for ST Category only).**

2) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/EE/AEE-1/20-21/110KV/STN-16/Gopankoppa/2. (Call-2) for Replacement of 1x10 MVA, 110/11kV power transformer by 1x20 MVA, 110/11kV power transformer and 1x10 MVA, 110/33kV power transformer by 1x20 MVA, 110/33kV power transformer along with 11kV switchgear at 110/33/11kV **Gopankoppa** sub-station in Hubballi Taluk, Dharwad District o**n Partial Turnkey basis. (Reserved for SC Category only).**

3) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/EE/AEE-1/20-21/110KV/STN-19/PHCompound/2. (Call-2) for Replacement of 1x10 MVA, 110/11kV transformer by 1x20 MVA, 110/11kV transformer at 110/11kV **Power House Compound** sub-station in Hubballi Taluk, Dharwad District **on Partial Turnkey Basis. (Reserved for SC Category only).**

4) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/903/SEE/EE/AEE-1/20-21/110KV/ANMOD/2. (Call-2) for Providing METERING & PROTECTION 5 MVA, 110/11kV Transformer at 110/11kV **Anmod** sub-station in Joida Taluk, Uttar Kannada District **on Total Turnkey basis.**

(For all the above works including supply of equipments/ materials, erection, civil works, testing and commissioning).

The detailed notification regarding the works call through "e-procurement" mode can be obtained by logging on to e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **18.01.2021.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele.), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Vidyuthnagar, Hubballi - 24. Ph/Fax: 0836-2203094.**

TATA CAPITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD.

TATA Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Extension, Block-E, Delhi – 110055

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(As per Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Tata Capital Financial Services Ltd. under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated 13th July, 2020** as below calling upon the Borrowers to repay the amount payable under the loan agreement no **20446610** mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The borrowers, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said Rules. The borrower, in particular, and the public in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Tata Capital Financial Services Limited,** for an amount referred to below along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc. from date of demand notice.

Amount of Demand Notice	Type of Possession	Date of Possession
Rs.2,81,76,939/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty-One Lacs Seventy-Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine)	**Symbolic**	**15th January 2021**

1. **M/S MOHAN MILK PROCESSING PLANT** Through its Partners SHIV GANGA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, KHASRA NO. 60/61, MAHADI, VILLAGE LAKESHARI, PARGANA BHAGWANPUR, ROORKEE, HARIDWAR, UTTRAKHAND-247661 **ALSO AT** 58/1, FIRST FLOOR, PRINCE CHOWK, GANDHI ROAD, DEHRADUN, UTTRAKHAND-248001 **ALSO AT** HOUSE NO. 304, 3RD FLOOR, NARMADA BLOCK, SIDDARTHA PARADISE, PANDITWARI ANSHIK, NARGAR NIGAM DEHRADHUN GARHI CANTT, DEHRADUN-248007
2. **ROHIT SINGH RAGHAVA** SHIV GANGA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, KHASRA NO. 60/61, MAHADI, VILLAGE LAKESHARI, PARGANA BHAGWANPUR, ROORKEE, HARIDWAR, UTTRAKHAND -247661 **ALSO AT** HOUSE NO. 304, 3RD FLOOR, NARMADA BLOCK, SIDDARTHA PARADISE, PANDITWARI ANSHIK, NARGAR NIGAM DEHRADHUN, GARHI CANTT, DEHRADUN -248007 **ALSO AT** HOUSE NO. A1/201, SAHARA GRACE, APARTMENT, MG ROAD, BEHIND SAHARA MALL, SECTOR 28, CHAKKARPUR, GURUGRAM, HARYANA-122002 **ALSO AT** 58/1, FIRST FLOOR, PRINCE CHOWK, GANDHI ROAD, DEHRADUN, UTTRAKHAND -248001
3. **SHISHIR KUMAR SINGH ALIAS SHISHER KUMAR SINGH** SHIV GANGA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, KHASRA NO. 60/61, MAHADI, VILLAGE LAKESHARI, PARGANA BHAGWANPUR, ROORKEE, HARIDWAR, UTTRAKHAND-247661 **ALSO AT** 404, BLOCK-17, SUNCITY APARTMENTS, SARJAPURA OUTER RING ROAD JUNCTION, NEAR IBBHUR FLYOVER, IBBHUR, BANGALORE SOUTH, BANGLORE, HSR LAYOUT, KARNATAKA-560102
4. **DIVYA SINGH W/o Rohit Singh** SHIV GANGA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, KHASRA NO. 60/61, MAHADI, VILLAGE LAKESHARI, PARGANA BHAGWANPUR, ROORKEE, HARIDWAR, UTTRAKHAND-247661 **ALSO AT** HOUSE NO. 304, 3RD FLOOR, NARMADA BLOCK, SIDDARTHA PARADISE, PANDITWARI ANSHIK, NARGAR NIGAM DEHRADHUN, GARHI CANTT, DEHRADUN-248007 **ALSO AT** 152, 7th STREET, RAJENDRA NAGAR, NAKA HINDOLA, LUCKNOW, UTTAR PRADESH-226001 **ALSO AT** HOUSE NO. A1/201, SAHARA GRACE, APARTMENT, MG ROAD, BEHIND SAHARA MALL, SECTOR 28, GURUGRAM, CHAKKARPUR, HARYANA-122002
5. **MRINALINI SINGH KACHHAWAHA** SHIV GANGA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, KHASRA NO. 60/61, MAHADI, VILLAGE LAKESHARI, PARGANA BHAGWANPUR, ROORKEE, HARIDWAR, UTTRAKHAND-247661 **ALSO AT** HOUSE NO. 304, 3RD FLOOR, NARMADA BLOCK, SIDDARTHA PARADISE, PANDITWARI ANSHIK, NARGAR NIGAM DEHRADHUN, GARHI CANTT, DEHRADUN-248007 **ALSO AT** 19/828, INDIRA NAGAR, LUCKNOW, UP-226001

SCHEDULE-A PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

1. ALL THAT LAND AND BUILDING BUILT UPON KHATAUNI 1415-1420 FASLI, KHATA NO. 00090, KHASRA NO. 61, AREA ADMEASURING 0.0466 HECTARE OR 466 SQUARE METER SITUATED AT VILLAGE LAKESHRI PARGANA BHAGWANPUR, TEHSIL ROORKEE, DISTRICT HARIDWAR, UTTARAKHAND, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN SALE DEED DATED 02nd Dec, 2011 EXECUTED IN FAVOR OF ROHIT SINGH RAGHAVA, REGISTERED WITH SUB REGISTRAR (I) OF ROORKEE, UTTARAKHAND, VIDE BOOK NO. 1, VOLUME NO. 1897, FROM PAGES NO. 153 TO 178, AT SERIAL NO. 10622, ON 02.12.2011.
2. ALL THAT LAND AND BUILDING BUILT UPON KHATAUNI 1415-1420 FASLI, KHATA NO. 00090, KHASRA NO.60, AREA ADMEASURING 0.0823 HECTARE OR 823 SQUARE METERS AND KHASRA NO.61, AREA ADMEASURING 0.0931 HECTARE OR 931 SQUARE METERS (TOTAL ADMEASURED AREA 1754 SQUARE METERS), SITUATED AT VILLAGE LAKESHRI PARGANA BHAGWANPUR, TEHSIL ROORKEE, DISTRICT HARIDWAR, (UTTARAKHAND), MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN SALE DEED DATED 02.12.2011, EXECUTED IN THE FAVOR OF ROHIT SINGH RAGHAVA, REGISTERED WITH SUB REGISTRAR (I) OF ROORKEE, UTTARAKHAND, VIDE BOOK NO. 1, VOLUME NO. 1897, FROM PAGES NO. 315 TO 340, AT SERIAL NO. 10632 ON 02.12.2011.
3. ALL THAT LAND AND BUILDING BUILT UPON KHATAUNI 1415-1420 FASLI, KHATA NO. 00090, KHASRA NO. 60, AREA ADMEASURING 0.0075 HECTARE OR 75 SQUARE METERS, AND KHASRA NO.61, AREA ADMEASURING 0.0213 HECTARE OR 213 SQUARE METERS (TOTAL AREA ADMEASURING 288 SQUARE METERS) SITUATED AT VILLAGE LAKESHRI PARGANA BHAGWANPUR, TEHSIL ROORKEE, DISTRICT HARIDWAR, (UTTARAKHAND), MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN SALE DEED DATED 02.12.2011, EXECUTED IN THE FAVOR OF ROHIT SINGH RAGHAVA, REGISTERED WITH SUB REGISTRAR (I) OF ROORKEE, UTTARAKHAND, VIDE BOOK NO. 1, VOLUME NO. 1897, FROM PAGES NO. 341 TO 366 AT SERIAL NO 10633, ON 02.12.2011.

Sd/-
Place: ROORKEE, UTTARAKHAND **(Authorised officer)**
Date: 15.01.2021 **Tata Capital Financial Services Limited**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division, 2nd Floor, Shakthi Soudha, 13th Cross Road, 4th B Main Road, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru-560 040

No.: EE(GRN)/TN/GL-19/2020-21 Date: 15.01.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Standard Tender Document - KW1 & 2)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered Contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)
	Single Cover Works	
	Works Reserved for Schedule Caste (SC) Category	
1	Additional works to temple at Chamundeshwari Temple Prayer Hall at Kurilingappa Garden Mudalapalya in **Ward No. 127**. (Call-3)	35.00
	Works Reserved for General Category	
2	Improvements to Ganesha Temple in 8th Main MRCR layout Marenahalli in **Ward No. 125.**	10.00
3	Maintenance of Solid Waste Management in **Ward No. 125** Marenahalli	7.50
4	Providing electrification works, lifts, generator for the work of primary health center at Corporation Colony 1st main road Prashanthnagara in **Ward No. 104**	40.00
5	Providing DG Set and Electrification works to multipurpose building shakthi Soudha in **Ward No. 104,** Govindarajanagara	40.00

EMD (in Rs.): EMD Exempted as per GOK order No.: ಅಇ 675 ವೆಚ್ಚ–12/2020, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು. ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.12.2020 ರಿಂದ 31.12.2021 ರವರೆಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ.

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender Document can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. (2)** Last Date for uploading the filled proposals is: **27.01.2021** up to **4:00 p.m. (3)** Date of opening of Financial proposals is: **29.01.2021** after **4:00 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division, BBMP

COVID-19. DO NOT PANIC, BE AWARE

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ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು, ತರೀಕೆರೆ, ಕೊಪ್ಪ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಡೂರು ಉಪವಿಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (**Standard Tender Document - KW 1, 2, 3 & 4** ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗನುಸಾರ) ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಮ್ಯಾನುವಲ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 2.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 120.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಆಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ.

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$320 million
stashed in Swiss banks by the family of ex-dictator Zine El Abidine Ben Ali could be lost by Tunisia

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LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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Dubai	25	15	SNY	New York	8	1	LC
Houston	19	8	SNY	Singapore	31	24	LC
Istanbul	1	-4	LC	Toronto	4	-1	LC
London	8	2	LC	Washington	9	1	LC

Biden taps Obama admin veterans for State Dept

Names reflect intent to turn away from 'America First' approach

WASHINGTON

US President-elect Joe Biden on Saturday filled out his State Department team with a group of former career diplomats and veterans of the Obama administration, signaling his desire to return to a more traditional foreign policy after four years of uncertainty and unpredictability under President Donald Trump.

Biden will nominate Wendy Sherman as deputy secretary of state and Victoria Nuland as undersecretary of state for political affairs — the second- and third-highest ranking posts, respectively. They were among the officials chosen to serve under the incoming secretary of state, Antony Blinken. The team "embodies my core belief that America is strongest when it works with our allies," Biden said in a statement. He said he was confident "they will use their diplomatic experience and skill to restore America's global and moral leadership. America is back."

US President-elect Joe Biden | AFP

Ned Price, a former Obama administration National Security Council staffer and career CIA official who resigned in protest in the early days of the Trump administration, will serve as the public face of the department, taking on the role of spokesman.

Jalina Porter, communications director for Rep. Cedric Richmond, D-La., who is leaving Congress to work in the White House, will be Price's deputy.

Price and Porter intend to return to the practice of holding daily State Department press briefings, officials said. Those briefings had been eliminated under the Trump administration.

Jeffrey Prescott, a former national security aide when Biden was vice president, is Biden's pick to be deputy ambassador to the United Nations, He would serve under UN envoy-designate Linda Thomas-Greenfield.

Five of the 11 are either people of color or LGBTQ. Although most are not household names, all are advocates of multilateralism and many are familiar in Washington and overseas foreign policy circles. Their selections are a reflection of Biden's intent to turn away from Trump's transactional and often unilateral "America First" approach to international relations.

Sherman led the Obama administration's negotiations leading to the 2015 deal with Iran, from which Trump withdrew, and had engaged in talks over ballistic missiles with North Korea during Clinton's second term. *AP*

Trump to leave town before inauguration

By the time Joe Biden is sworn in as the 46th US president Wednesday, Donald Trump will already be far away, having helicoptered out of the White House a last time earlier that morning, an official said Friday. Trump will be the first president in a century and a half to snub the inauguration of his successor. An official said Trump would go to his Mar-a-Lago golf club.

KEY APPOINTMENTS

- **WENDY SHERMAN**, deputy secretary of state
- **VICTORIA NULAND**, undersecretary of state for political affairs
- **SENATE AIDE BRIAN MCKEON**, deputy secretary of state for management
- **BONNIE JENKINS AND UZRA ZEYA**, secretary of state for arms control and undersecretary of state of democracy and human rights, respectively
- **DEREK CHOLLET**, State Department counselor
- **SALMAN AHMED**, director of policy planning
- **SUZY GEORGE**, Blinken's chief of staff
- **NED PRICE**, State Dept's spokesman

NRA declares bankruptcy, plans to incorporate in Texas

The National Rifle Association announced Friday it has filed for bankruptcy protection and will seek to incorporate the nation's most politically influential gun-rights group in Texas instead of New York, where a state lawsuit is trying to put the organization out of business

Claims of misspending and self-dealing have roiled NRA's leader Wayne LaPierre, from hair and makeup for his wife to a $17 mn contract for himself | AP

PERSONAL PIGGY BANK

The state of New York announced in August of last year that it was suing the NRA and its leader Wayne LaPierre for financial fraud and misconduct, aiming to dissolve the organization

State Attorney General Letitia James said LaPierre and three other top NRA officials had used the dues and donations of members for years as their "personal piggy bank," spending tens of millions of dollars on themselves and cronies in violation of laws governing non-profit organizations

IN A BIND

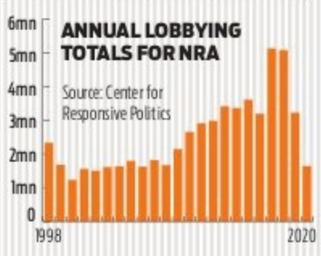
The coronavirus pandemic has upended the NRA, which last year laid off dozens of employees. The group canceled its national convention and scuttled fundraising

POWERFUL ENTITY

For decades the NRA has represented the views of millions of gun owners and enthusiasts across the United States, fighting with substantial success to loosen and eliminate gun controls, citing the Constitution's Second Amendment right to bear arms

It was able to shape major political races by endorsing candidates who lined up with its views and pummel those who supported firearms regulation

5 mn members the group has



Donor anger fuels GOP alarm on fundraising

Republicans are worried that a corporate backlash stirred by the deadly Capitol insurrection could crimp a vital stream of campaign cash, complicating the party's prospects of retaking the Senate in the next election. The GOP already faces a difficult Senate map in 2022, when 14 Democratic-held seats and 20 Republican ones will be on the ballot. That includes at least two open seats that Republicans will be defending because of the retirements of GOP Sens. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania and Richard Burr of North Carolina. Over a dozen corporate giants are pledging to withhold donations to GOP lawmakers who voted to reject the outcome of the election in Arizona or Pennsylvania. One of those lawmakers, Florida Sen. Rick Scott, is the the public face of the Senate Republican fundraising efforts.

Federal resources for vaccine blitz

WILMINGTON

US President-elect Joe Biden announced Friday he would surge federal resources into making "thousands" of vaccine sites, while also deploying mobile clinics and expanding the public health workforce to accelerate the rollout of Covid-19 shots.

Biden has said he wants 100 million Americans to receive injections during his first 100 days in office, a drastic increase from the current pace.

"This is going to be one of the most challenging operational efforts ever undertaken by our country," the 78-year-old Democrat said Friday from Wilmington, Delaware.

"But you have my word: we will manage the hell out of this operation."

Biden's plan would drastically increase the role of the federal government in the distribution effort, mobilizing the Federal Emergency Management Administration and reimbursing states that deploy their National Guard. Biden spoke a day after unveiling a $1.9 trillion plan to confront the virus and provide temporary support for a shaky economy. *Agencies*

An 89-year-old woman sits in a chair as a family member holds her place in a long line to receive a Covid-19 vaccine in Dallas, Texas | AP

US Vice President Mike Pence and Kamala Harris | AP

Pence calls V-P elect Harris to say congrats

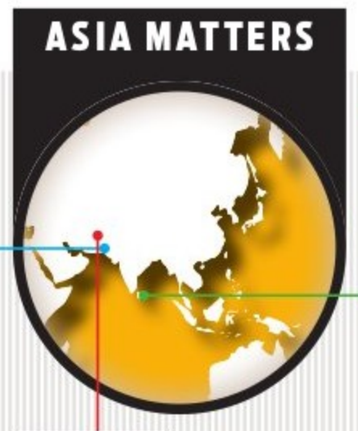
WASHINGTON

US Vice President Mike Pence has called his soon-to-be successor Kamala Harris to offer his congratulations, according to two people familiar with the conversation.

It's the first known contact between the elected members of the outgoing and incoming administrations. President Donald Trump has not reached out to President-elect Joe Biden or invited him to the White House, and has instead spent the weeks since he lost the Nov. 3 election holed up at the White House, trying to undermine the legitimacy of Biden's win with baseless claims of mass voter fraud that culminated in last week's violent storming of the Capitol building.

Pence, who didn't speak with Trump for days after the siege, has become an unexpected — albeit late — defender of Biden's win. The vice president resisted enormous pressure from Trump to try to interfere in Congress' certification of the Electoral College vote count last week — even though he has no such power. And he has announced that he will attend Biden's Jan. 20 inauguration. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS



PAKISTAN

Nepal climbers claim 1st winter ascent of K2

A team of Nepali climbers on Saturday made history after becoming the first to summit Pakistan's K2 in winter, singing their country's national anthem as they reached the top. Dozens of mountaineers have been competing over the past few weeks to summit the world's second highest mountain, the last peak above 8,000 metres to be topped in wintertime. "WE DID IT" tweeted Seven Summit Treks -- a trekking company leading one of the expeditions. "The Karakorum's 'Savage Mountain' been summited in most dangerous season: winter. Nepalese climbers finally reached the summit of Mt K2 this afternoon at 17:00 local time." Since the maiden attempt in 1987-1988, just a handful of winter expeditions have been tried on the storied 28,250-feet mountain in the Karakoram range. None had got higher than 7,650 metres until Saturday.

AFGHANISTAN

Taliban kill 12 pro-govt militiamen in insider attack

Two Taliban fighters who had infiltrated a base of pro-government militiamen killed 12 of them, officials and the insurgent group said Saturday. The night-time attack at a post manned by the militiamen occurred in Ghorian in Herat province, the governor for the district Farhad Khademi told AFP. "Twelve pro-government militiamen were killed in the Taliban attack in Ghorian district last night," he said. Herat provincial council member Mohammad Sardar Bahaduri and said it was carried out by two Taliban fighters who had infiltrated the base.

SRI LANKA

Tamils ask UNHRC for rights mechanism

Sri Lanka's minority Tamil political parties and civil society groups have urged the UN Human Rights Council to establish an international independent investigatory mechanism with a strict time frame to ensure accountability from the island nation on the alleged human rights abuses during the nearly three-decades long civil war. In a letter dated Jan 15 addressed to the missions of the 47 member states of the UNHRC, they called on to establish an evidence gathering mechanism such as the one on Syria with a strict one-year time frame. They urged for a new resolution on Sri Lanka's accountability. Sri Lanka faced three consecutive UNHRC resolutions since 2013 which called for an independent global probe into alleged war crimes by both government troops and the LTTE.

COVID CURBS

UK asks all arrivals to quarantine as deaths rise

LONDON

All arrivals to the UK will have to quarantine and show negative virus tests from next week,British PM Boris Johnson said Friday, as hospitalisations and deaths continued to soar but new cases fell.

The measures, which enter into force Monday, come after Britain banned all arrivals from South America and Portugal on Friday over fears of importing a new coronavirus variant from Brazil.

"This means that if you come to this country you must have proof of a negative Covid virus test that you have taken in the 72 hours before leaving," Johnson said, flanked by top medical and scientific officials.

"Upon arrival you must then quarantine for 10 days, not leaving your home for any reason at all," he added, though travellers can take another test after 5 days to get out earlier.

The UK had previously made an exception for travellers from certain countries and territories with low caseloads, allowing them to arrive freely through "corridors", without showing negative tests or quarantining afterwards. These included Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and Singapore.

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps tweeted that the stricter rules are because it is "impossible" for the government's Joint Biosecurity Centre to "provide live scientific updates to predict which countries or regions will now originate new variants." The UK has been slow to require arriving travellers show virus tests, unlike many other countries, focusing instead on travellers from countries with high virus rates quarantining after arrival.

The government figures show that fatalities within 28 days of a positive virus test had risen by nearly a third in the last week. *AFP*

Merkel's centrist ally Armin Laschet wins party election

BERLIN

CHANCELLOR Angela Merkel's center-right party on Saturday chose Armin Laschet, the pragmatic governor of Germany's most populous state, as its new leader — sending a signal of continuity months before an election in which voters will decide who becomes the new chancellor.

Laschet will have to build unity in the Christian Democratic Union, Germany's strongest party, after beating more conservative rival Friedrich Merz. And he will need to plunge straight into an electoral marathon that culminates with the Sept. 26 national vote.

Saturday's vote isn't the final word on who will run as the center-right candidate for chancellor in Germany's Sept. 26 election, but Laschet will either run himself or have a big say in who does. He didn't address his plans at Saturday's party convention.

Laschet, 59, was elected in 2017 as governor of North Rhine-Westphalia, a traditionally center-left stronghold.

He governs the region in a coalition with the pro-business Free Democrats, the CDU's traditional ally, but would likely be able to work smoothly with a more liberal partner, too. Current polls point to the environmentalist Greens as a likely key to power in the election.

Laschet pointed Saturday to the value of continuity and moderation, and cited the storming of the US Capitol by supporters of Donald Trump as an example of where polarisation can lead.

"Trust is what keeps us going and what has been broken in America," he told delegates before the vote. "By polarizing, sowing discord and distrust, and systematically lying, a president has destroyed stability and trust."

"We must speak clearly but not polarize," Laschet said. "We must be able to integrate, hold society together."

He said that the party needs "the continuity of success" and "we will only win if we remain strong in the middle of society." *AP*

China builds hospital in 5 days after virus surge

BEIJING

CHINA on Saturday finished building a 1,500-room hospital for Covid-19 patients to fight a surge in infections the government said are harder to contain and that it blamed on infected people or goods from abroad.

The hospital is one of six with a total of 6,500 rooms being built in Nangong, south of Beijing in Hebei.

China had largely contained the coronavirus that first was detected in Wuhan in late 2019 but has suffered a surge of cases since Dec.

A total of 645 people are being treated in Nangong and the Hebei provincial capital, Shijiazhuang, Xinhua said. A 3,000-room hospital is under construction in Shijiazhuang. Virus clusters also have been found in Beijing and the provinces of Heilongjiang and Liaoning in the northeast and Sichuan in the southwest.

The latest infections spread unusually fast, the National Health Commission said. "It is harder to handle. Community transmission already has happened when the epidemic is found, so it is difficult to prevent." The Commission blamed the latest cases on people or goods arriving from abroad. It blamed "abnormal management" and "inadequate protection of workers" involved in imports but gave no details.

Also Saturday, the city government of Beijing said travelers arriving in the Chinese capital from abroad would be required to undergo an additional week of "medical monitoring" after a 14-day quarantine but gave no details. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

97 cats survive house fire, some injured

Nearly 100 cats have survived a house fire in a town outside Rochester, New York, according to an animal protection group. Many of the cats suffered smoke inhalation, the Humane Society of Greater Rochester said, and it wasn't clear whether all of them would survive. The fire began about 1 am Thursday and was confined to one room, according to the Bushnell's Basin Fire Department. Two adults were outside when firefighters arrived and declined medical treatment, Bushnell's Basin Assistant Fire Chief Mark Alberts said.

Uganda's president of 35 yrs re-elected

KAMPALA

UGANDA'S electoral commission said Saturday that longtime President Yoweri Museveni has won a sixth five-year term, while top opposition challenger Bobi Wine alleges rigging and officials struggle to explain how polling results were compiled amid an internet blackout.

In a generational clash watched across the African continent with a booming young population and a host of aging leaders, the 38-year-old singer-turned-lawmaker Wine posed arguably Museveni's greatest challenge yet. The self-described "ghetto president" had strong support in urban centers where frustration with unemployment and corruption is high. He has claimed victory.

President Yoweri Museveni (L) and political challenger Bobi Wine | AP

The electoral commission said Museveni received 58% of ballots and Wine 34%, and voter turnout was 52%. It advised people celebrating to remember COVID-19 precautions, but reaction in the capital, Kampala, was muted. At one point, hundreds of Museveni supporters on motorcycles sped by, honking and chanting. The military remained in the streets. Police checked vehicles at roadblocks.The top United States diplomat to Africa called the electoral process "fundamentally flawed."

Associated Press journalists who tried to reach Wine's home on the outskirts of Kampala were turned away by police. Wine has said he was alone with his wife and a single security guard.

Thursday's vote followed the East African country's worst pre-election violence since the 76-year-old Museveni took office in 1986. Wine and other opposition candidates were beaten or harassed, and over 50 people were killed when security forces put down riots in Nov over Wine's arrest.

This month, Wine petitioned the International Criminal Court over torture and named several officials including Museveni. *AP*

$586.08 bn was India's forex reserve as of January 8, according to RBI data. This was an increase of $758 million over the previous week

PM announces ₹1,000 cr seed fund for startups

Modi exuded confidence that the growth of startups will help in generating employment

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Bengaluru

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi announced a seed fund for startups, as part of which the government will give ₹1,000 crore to new entrepreneurs. Under the seed fund scheme, start-ups will be given grants up to ₹20 lakhs for Proof of Concept while funding of up to ₹50 lakhs can also be availed through convertible debentures or debt or debt-linked instruments for commercialization. Addressing the 'Prarambh: Startup India International Summit on Saturday, Modi said the government will also provide guarantees for startups to raise funding.

'Today more than 30 startups have crossed the $1 billion mark. Among these, 11 have joined the club in 2020, i.e. during the pandemic. In order to provide initial capital, the nation is launching a ₹1,000 crore Startup India Seed Fund. This will help in setting up new startups and promote their growth," PM said.

The summit marked the fifth anniversary of the Startup India initiative launched by Modi on this day in 2016. It also saw participation of the BIMSTEC nations (Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand) in the first-ever conclave.

Lauding India's startup ecosystem for immense progress made in the last five years, the prime minister said that these unicorns (billion-dollar startups) should now focus on becoming global giants competing for futuristic technology that can serve huge population.

> **Today more than 30 startups have crossed the $1 billion mark. Among these, 11 have joined the club in 2020, i.e. during the pandemic. The ₹1,000 cr fund will aid in their growth**
>
> Narendra Modi

Modi said there are over 41,000 startups in the country today and 44 per cent of these ventures are officially recognised. Over 5,700 startups in information technology (IT), around 3,600 startups in healthcare and over 1,700 agriculture-related startups. He also emphasized the need for innovations to come from beyond metros, noted that 80 per cent of the country's districts cover the startup ecosystem currently with 45 per cent from smaller towns and cities who have become the brand ambassadors of local products. Besides, the development in sectors like environment, defence, space, agriculture and education will lead to a value-creation cycle, thus creating more opportunities for the startups in these areas.

GURBIR SINGH

THE intervention of the Supreme Court in the ongoing farm laws imbroglio has confounded the chaos. The order staying the implementation of the 3 pieces of legislation and the nomination of an expert committee has, instead of calming the waters, raised the hackles of the agitators. As farmers of the frontline states mobilize for January 26 Tractors March, the battle lines seem more inflexible than ever before.

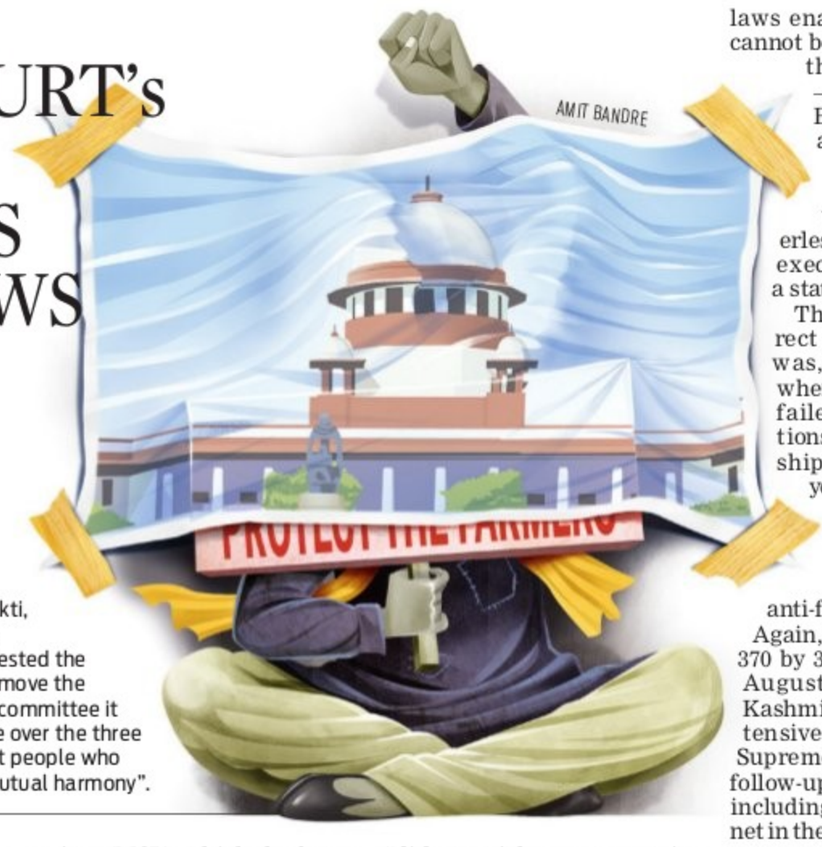
Resuming hearings last Monday on the farm laws, the Chief Justice S A Bobde started on the right foot, pointing out the flawed process of bringing in the laws without proper consultation of the main stakeholders. "We are extremely disappointed at the way the government is handling all this (farmers protests). We don't know what consultative process you followed before the laws. Many states are up in rebellion," the Chief Justice said, adding: "You have made a law without enough consultation resulting in a strike. So now you have to resolve the strike."

Having laid the ground rules for democratic engagement, the Supreme Court bench went right ahead and breached the principles it had earlier so eloquently defined. The court set up a four-member expert committee, giving the experts two months to come out with a report and solution. No attempt was made to seek the view of the parties before them — the farmers protesting, the government, citizen groups. It was a fait accompli!

No wonder the protesting kisan unions saw the Supreme Court move as an attempt to bail out the government. Darshan Pal, President of the Krantikari Kisan Union said: "We knew the government would get a committee formed through the SC to take the burden off its shoulders."

NEWSCOPE

APEX COURT's ENTRY HARDENS FARM LAWS BATTLE LINES



Farmer union seeks removal of members of SC farm laws panel

The Bhartiya Kisan Union Lokshakti, one of the 40-odd farmer unions spearheading the agitation, requested the Supreme Court on Saturday to remove the remaining three members of the committee it had set up to resolve the impasse over the three contentious farm laws, and select people who can do the job "on the basis of mutual harmony".

Packed committee

The fact is three of the four members of the expert committee are supporters of the government position. Ashok Gulati, an agricultural economist, has been a vocal supporter of the farm laws. Writing in a mainline daily, he compared the laws to the 1991 liberalization stating they can "go a long way in building efficient value chains and in ensuring better returns for farmers".

Dr. Pramod K. Joshi, a former director of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), has been an opponent of minimum support prices (MSP), which the farmers movement does not want dismantled. He has also advocated contract farming which is seen as the first step to corporatization of agriculture. The third nominee, Anil Ghanawat, is the president of Maharashtra-based Shetkari Sanghatana, whose founder Sharad Joshi was a votary of 'open' markets. The Sanghatna has extended support to the farm laws in writing to Prime Minister Modi.

Bhupinder Singh Mann, President of the Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU), is possibly the only one favorably inclined to the protestors. However, he has been ousted from his organization, and in the flurry of controversy, has now recused himself from the committee. In a statement, he said he "did not wish to compromise farmers' interests."

The court has added to the misgivings of the protestors by alluding in its order to "persons who are not farmers have also joined" and who could "create trouble". In particular there is reference to an "anti-India secessionist movement" called "Sikhs for Justice". These references will only revive the early bogies of 'Khalistanis' and 'communal forces' being revived to discredit the farmers movement.

Double standards

India's judicial conscience has also been stumped by the court's variable yardstick on judging legislation of doubtful legal quality. Brushing aside objections of the Attorney General, K K Venugopal, that laws enacted by Parliament cannot be stayed by the court, the three-judge bench — the chief justice S A Bobde, A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian — held that "this Court cannot be said to be completely powerless to grant stay of any executive action under a statutory enactment."

The same alacrity to correct legislative overreach was, however, missing when the Supreme Court failed to entertain petitions against the Citizenship Amendment Act last year. This is despite the fact that the support of the anti-CAA protest was probably much wider that the anti-farm laws movement.

Again, the repeal of Articles 370 by 35A by Parliament in August 2019 to take away Kashmir's autonomy was extensively challenged in the Supreme Court. So were the follow-up executive measures including cutting off the internet in the Kashmir Valley, arbitrary arrest and detention of political opponents. However, most of these cases continue to languish without a listing or hearing by the apex court.

In summary, the Supreme Court's intervention in the anti-farm laws agitation is still born! It has stayed the implementation of the three farm laws; but has not admitted an appeal to examine their constitutional validity.

Even the apex court-appointed expert committee's recommendations cannot become a part of judicial pronouncement. They will have to be given to the government and implemented via amendments to the farm laws. The farmers are acutely aware of these limitations. That is why they are not overly excited about the Supreme Court.

'Banks need to raise capital, and fast'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

RESERVE Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das on Saturday said financial institutions in India will have to walk a tightrope in nurturing the economic recovery within the overarching objective of preserving long-term financial stability. In a bid to maintain financial stability, he emphasised the need for banks to raise resources in advance as a buffer to prepare for asset-quality issues. While a few banks have raised capital, Das said it was now important to fast track the capital-raising process.

"We have advised all banks, large non-deposit taking and deposit taking NBFCs to work out possible mitigation measures, including capital planning, capital raising, and contingency liquidity planning, among others," said the RBI governor. The central bank has injected liquidity worth nearly 6.3 per cent of India's GDP during the initial months of the pandemic along with other credit and regulatory forbearance measures to keep the financial sector ticking.

While the central bank remains steadfast to take any further measures as may be required to support growth, Das stressed the need for the government to define its fiscal roadmap, assess public expenditure with a focus on "multiplier effect". The comments come just weeks ahead of the Union Budget which will be presented on February 1.

"While the conventional parameters of fiscal discipline will ensure medium and long-term sustainability of public finances, measurable parameters of quality of expenditure would ensure that welfarism carries significant productive outcomes and multiplier effects. Maintaining and improving the quality of expenditure would help address the objectives of fiscal sustainability while supporting growth," Das said, while delivering the 39th Nani Palkhivala memorial lecture on Saturday. Das warned that the financial markets must also be prepared for any halt in the global inflows if risk aversion in external sector picks up. He also highlighted that banks and NBFCs need to strengthen the governance structure supported by effective compliance functions.

SMALL LOANS

Govt mulls extending interest subvention scheme for MSMEs

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY @New Delhi

THE cental government is mulling extending the interest subvention scheme for MSMEs by another six months beyond the March 31, 2021 deadline as part of its budget proposals. It is also planning to double the ticket size of the loans for which the interest subvention is given to ₹2 crore. The money is lent by scheduled banks to micro, small and medium enterprises as term loans or working capital loans at reasonable rates of which the Government underwrites two per cent of the interest due.

Top officials said with many MSMEs struggling due to the economic depression which the country witnessed in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, a package for the sector was being prepared which would be announced in the upcoming budget. Surveys of the MSME sector have shown that finance and especially working capital shortages have proved crippling for the sector, which employs more than 120 million people.

"As the MSME sector is labour intensive, accounting for 30 per cent of GDP, its revival has to be given priority as it not only helps the GDP recover but also reduces the unemployment rate which shot up due to the Covid induced lockdown," officials said. India's unemployment rate is nearly 8 per cent and the majority of fresh industrial employment that will be created in the year ahead is expected to be in the MSME sector. "Our focus in the package for the budget will be on supporting them financially, besides reducing their compliance burden on various accounts including GST and industrial laws," officials explained.

The government will also step up spending on infrastructure for MSME industrial clusters and for skill enhancements and technological upgradation for this sector.

HDFC Bank Q3 net profit jumps 18%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

HDFC Bank has reported a standalone profit of ₹8,758.3 crore for the quarter ended December 2020, rising 18.1 percent year-on-year led by non-interest income and pre-provision operating profit with improved asset quality performance. Earnings for the December quarter are the first under new chief executive officer Sashidhar Jagdishan. In the year ago period, the private sector lender posted a net profit of ₹7,416 crore.

ts net interest income, the difference between interest earned and interest expended, grew 15.1 per cent to ₹16,317.6 crore in Q3 FY21, compared to the corresponding period, driven by advances growth of 15.6 percent, and a core net interest margin for the quarter of 4.2 percent. "The persistent focus on deposits helped in the maintenance of a healthy liquidity coverage ratio at 146 percent, well above the regulatory requirement," said the bank.

The lender's asset quality was steady in the third quarter, with gross non-performing asset ratio at 0.81 per cent as compared with 1.08 per cent as on September 30. Net NPA ratio improved to 0.09 per cent, down eight basis points on a sequential basis. Its loan book increased by 15.6 per cent YoY.

OIL MATTERS

ATF prices hiked, fuel rates get a breather

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

AVIATION turbine fuel (ATF) prices were hiked by three per cent on Saturday as global crude oil prices continued to strengthen over the past week due to promising news on the Covid-19 vaccine and indications of a global economic recovery. Petrol and diesel rates remain at record high levels after daily hikes over the past few days, but were kept static by oil marketing companies.

ATF prices have been raised by ₹1,512.38 per kilo litre to ₹52,491.16 per kl in the national capital, according to a price notification from fuel retailers. This is the fourth ATF hike since December 1, 2020, when rates had gone up by 7.6 per cent. Prices have since been raised by 6.3 per cent on December 16, and 3.69 per cent on January 1. ATF prices are revised on the first and sixteenth day of every month and are calculated based on the average benchmark international rate and foreign exchange rate during the preceding fortnight. Petrol and diesel, meanwhile, remain at all-time highs. On January 14, petrol had touched an all-time high of ₹84.70 per litre in Delhi, while Diesel in Delhi costs ₹74.88 per litre. In Mumbai, it stands at a record high of ₹81.6 per litre.

WhatsApp defers privacy update until May 15, accounts not to be suspended

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

FACEBOOK-owned messaging app WhatsApp announced that it has postponed its planned privacy update until May 15, which will give users more time to review the policy and accept the terms of its proposed data sharing with Facebook. Reiterating its commitment of keeping the personal chats, call logs and user location secure, the social messaging app said that a lot of misinformation has spread since the announcement, which is a cause of concern.

"We're now moving back the date on which people will be asked to review and accept the terms. No one will have their account suspended or deleted on February 8. We're also going to do a lot more to clear up the misinformation around how privacy and security works," WhatsApp said in a statement.

> **We are working hard to restore service as quickly as possible. We have been adding new servers and extra capacity at a record pace every single day this week nonstop**
>
> Offical statement from Signal app

Recent announcement of sharing WhatsApp data related to the communications with the business accounts with its parent firm Facebook evoked widespread criticism globally and also triggered a massive digital migration to apps like Signal and Telegram which have promised privacy-focussed services. The messaging service saw its installs fall by 35 per cent between January 6 and January 10 to 1.3 million from 5.2 million a week before. Instant messaging firm Signal, on the other hand, saw downloads hit 2.3 million-mark from just 24,000 a week before. Telegram downloads also rose 15 per cent to 1.5 million from 1.3 million on a week-to-week basis. Signal moved ahead of Whatsapp and Telegram to top the Google and Apple playstores in India and the US: the two largest markets for the apps. Signal also faced outage in India, which experts said is because of the inability to handle such huge number of users within a short time. Signal is run by a not-for profit organisation in which world's richest man Elon Musk has also donated. In India, too, it was backed by many including Paytm boss Vijay Shekhar Sharma.

EXPRESS READ

HDFC Bank penalises executive for selling shares

New Delhi: The country's largest lender HDFC Bank on Saturday said it has imposed a penalty of ₹10.20 lakh on its senior executive Jimmy Tata for selling his shares in violation of insider trading regulations. Tata, the chief credit officer, sold 1,400 shares held by him in what the lender termed as an "inadvertent trade". The Audit Committee has concluded that this was an inadvertent trade made without intent to violate the Bank's Share Dealing Code (Bank's Code) or the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.

Discom dues continue to rise in November, thermal power outlook negative

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Centre's liquidity assistance package to power distribution companies has worked to mitigate the accumulation of debt over the past three quarters, but it has not led to a reduction. According to the Ministry of Power's PRAAPTI portal, India's discoms saw their dues to power generators rise to ₹1.30 lakh crore by the end of November 2020, a massive 37.38 per cent higher than November 2019's ₹95,127 crore and 2.16 per cent higher than October 2020's ₹1,27,951 crore.

Under the Centre's assistance programme announced in May, discoms were to be granted loans from state-run financiers PFC and REC worth ₹1.2 lakh crore. As of the end of September 2020, the two had sanctioned loans worth ₹1.18 lakh crore, of which ₹31,100 crore had already been disbursed to 11 states. This assistance has been paralleled by a sharp rise in discoms' monthly payments to gencos. In the April-May 2020 period, discoms paid an average of just ₹6,394 crore per month to gencos, less than half the ₹13,550 a month paid the previous quarter and ₹12,884 crore a month paid between October-December 2019. Assisted by the loans, however, this number rose to ₹13,327 crore a month in the June-September quarter, and ₹11,834 crore in October 2020. However, this metric saw a dip again in November 2020 at ₹9,814 crore.

Analysts note that the rising dues are a sign of inherent stress in the power supply chain, which has only been made worse by the pandemic as state subsidy payments are delayed by state governments and losses due to unpaid consumer bills remain higher.

According to ratings agency ICRA, the credit outlook for state discoms remains negative going forward due to their continued financial weakness.

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Bank of Baroda

Banashankari Branch:
6 & 7/1, 80ft. Road, Opp. Srinivasanagar Bus Stop, BSK 1st Stage, Bangalore -560050.
Tel no 080 – 26792646/26799988

POSSESSION NOTICE

Rule - 8(1)
(For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Bank of Baroda, Banashankari Branch,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **19.09.2020** calling upon the borrower/guarantor/ mortgagor **1) M/s. Ws. Focus Global Ads Services (India) Pvt. Ltd**. NO.225/Y, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main, 4th Phase, 7th Block, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085. **Guarantors: 1. Mr. Gopal Chandrashekar** No.886/J Lakeview Apartment, Flat No.F2, 2nd Floor, Vinayaka Layout Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore-72. **2) Mrs. Supriya K** W/o Ramanath V No.245 (New No.184), 5th Cross, Kumaramma Road, Near Gavigangadhareshwara Temple, Lakshmipuram, Gavipuram, Bagnalore-560004 **3) Mr. B V Gopal** No.28, J J R Nagar Main Road, Chamrajpet, Bangalore-560018 **4) Mr. Tilak D Raj** No.405, 4th Floor, B Block, Sai Gangothri Apartment, Ullalu Main Road, Mallathahalli, Bangalore to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.43,06,632.01** (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Six Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Two and Paisa One Only) as on **19.09.2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **11th day of January of the year 2021**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda, Banashankari Branch** for an amount of **Rs. 43,06,632.01**(Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Six Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Two and Paisa One Only) + interest from **30.06.2019**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Properties

Residential Flat bearing No.405 "B" Block, in the Fourth Floor of the Apartment building known as "Sai Gangothri" having a super built up area of 1160 sq. ft. with 408 sq. ft. of undivided interest in the Schedule A Property, constructed with RCC roof and Vitrified flooring aluminums cross section windows and sal wood doors situated at corporation No.422/385/42/50/1/35, Mallathalli, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.

Date : 11.01.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank
इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD

Branch: Basavanagudi,
No.121, DVG Road, Bangalore-560004

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

(Under Rule-8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement)Rules,2002)

Where as: The undersigned being the authorised officer of **Indian Bank (erstwhile Allahabad Bank)** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **07.11.2020** calling upon the Borrower/ Mortgagor/ **Shri Gopiraju,** Flat no. C 101, First floor, Jain Heights East Parade, Kaggadasapura village, Bangalore (Borrower and Mortgagor) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being a sum of **Rs. 83,17,424/-** (Rupees Eighty Three Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Four Only) within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **12th day of January 2021.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Indian Bank(erstwhile Allahabad Bank) Basavanagudi Branch** for an amount of **Rs.83,17,424/-** (Rupees Eighty Three Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Four Only) as on **06.11.2020** and further interest, costs, charges and expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

MORTGAGE OF IMMOVEABLE PROPERTIES AND ASSETS IN FAVOUR OF Indian Bank (erstwhile Allahabad Bank)

Details of Property where flat is constructed: All that piece and parcel of the land in Sy.No. 72/1 and 72/2, situated at Kaggadasapura village at Vibhutipura Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and Sy. No. 160/2, situated at Vibuthipura Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore measuring to an extent of totally admeasuring 7 acres 15 Guntas, presently situated within the jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) vide BBMP Khata No. 15/72/1 and bounded as follows: East by: Sy No. 70 & remaining portion of Sy No. 160/2, West by: Road, North by: Sy No. 71, South by: remaining portion of Sy No. 160/2 & Village Boundary of Vibhuthipura.

Details of flat: Flat no. C 101, 2 BHK, in C Block ,First floor in the apartment of "Jain Heights East Parade" **Extent areas of land/building:** 1378 sq.ft super built up area & 587.409 sq.ft of undivided share of land. **Location Sub-District/District/Village /Municipality:** Property situated at Kaggadasapura village at Vibhutipura Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore. **Boundaries for entire flat:** East by: Open to sky West By: Flat no C102, North By: Entrance Door/Corridor, South By: Open to sky.

Date : 12.01.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
For Indian Bank

Government of Karnataka
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Finance Department,
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru
No.: FD 01 BMB 2020 Date: 15.01.2021

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT STOCK (SECURITIES)

1. **Aggregate Amount** : **Total Rs. 2000 Crore (Rs.1000 Crore - 12 Year Tenure and Rs.1000 Crore - 16 Year Tenure)**
2. **Method of Issue** : **By auction, through PDO, RBI, Mumbai (Fort)**
3. **Date of auction** : **January 19, 2021**

Government of Karnataka invites subscription to the above securities. Copies of the Notification and Application forms may be obtained from PDO, RBI, Bengaluru. Non-competitive bidding facility has been introduced by RBI to encourage participation of retail investors. The Government stock up to 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions. Sample Tender Forms and the revised scheme of Non-competitive bidding facility is available on the website **www.rbi.org.in**

DIPR/DDU/62/MCA/20-21

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask
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Maintain Hand Hygiene

Government of Karnataka
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Port Office, Karwar-581302. Ph: 08382-221342 Fax: 08382-221528
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No. GNL/CR-16/2020-21 Date: 12.01.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Only in E-Procurement) (SINGLE COVER SYSTEM)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Tender is invited in e-Procurement to execute below mentioned work. To participate in e-Procurement, and for more information may be obtained in **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** website. For further Extension refer above mentioned website. No separate paper notification will be issued. **"GST shall be paid to the Tendered Amount separately".**

Description: HDPE Floating jetting of HDPE block size of 500mm x 500mm x 400mm and having wieght of 7.80 Kgs per cube and made out of 100% virgin Genuine HDPE. Including connecting pins, side screw connectors, with railings, Anchors, poles, steps and other necessary arrangements for stable laying of boats and easy movement of passengers at Kurumgad island within port limits of Karwar Port in Uttara Kannada Dist Karantaka State. **(Work Indent No.KPWD/2020-21/ OW/WORK_INDENT134502).** Amount put to tender: **Rs.15.77 Lakhs. Period of Completion:** Seven days.For any other information and further details of specification contact the undersigned office.

(1) Port Office, Baithkol Karwar-581302. (2) E-mail: karwarport2016@gmail.com (3) Ph/Fax: 08382-221342/ 221528.

Conditions: (1) Last date for submission of tender through e-portal on or before **19.01.2021 at 16.00 hrs. (2)** The tenders received through e-portal will be opened on **20.1.2021 at 16.30 hours**. The interested offered persons may present at the time of opening. **(3)** The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without giving any reason. **(4)** The bidders should visit the site and well acquainted with the work site before quoting the rates. **(5)** For any details please refer e-portal documents.

DIPR/ADK/MCA/613/20-21 Dt. 15.1.2021

Sd/- Port Officer, Karwar

Public Notice

My client **M.Krishanappa,** Sy.No.52 measuring 1acre 20 guntas situated at karihobanahalli village,Yeshwanthpur hobli, Bangalore, bounded on:
East by : property of Muniyabovi ;
West by:property of Venkataswamy
North by : property of Mangamma ;
South by : Same Sy.No. held by Yellappa.
R.S.A.No.730/2008 HIGH COURT ORDERS,
Any legal dispute contact absolute owners Son's of late M . Krishnappa, **kiran 9886072441- Balaji 9886779957**
No: 46,8th Cross, Saraswatipuram, Nandinilayout, Bangalore-560 096

OFFICE OF THE
LOKTAK DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(A GOVT. OF MANIPUR UNDERTAKING)

RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

NIT No. PD/LDA/IWT-IMP/2019 **Date : 15.01.2021**

The Project Director, Loktak Development Authority, on behalf of the Chairman (LDA), hereby invites on-line tenders, in two bid system (Technical and Financial Bid), from eligible bidders as per enclosed specifications and related terms and conditions:

Sl. No	Name of Work and NIT No.	Approximate value of work	EMD	Tender Fee	Period of Completion
1	**Tender Notice No. PD/LDA/IWT-IMP/2019-1** Supply of Aquatic Vegetation Cutter - 1 no. for removal of floating and rooted vegetation for improvement of Inland Water Transport in Loktak Lake.	Rs. 3,80,95,385/-	Rs. 7,61,908/-	Rs. 2500/-	6 months
2	**Tender Notice No. PD/LDA/IWT-IMP/2019-2** Supply of Aquatic Weed Harvester - 1 no. for removal of floating and rooted vegetation for improvement of Inland Water Transport in Loktak Lake.	Rs. 3,26,42,308/-	Rs. 6,52,846/-	Rs. 2500/-	6 months
3	**Tender Notice No. PD/LDA/IWT-IMP/2019-3** Supply of Long Boom Amphibious Excavator - 1 no. for improvement of Inland Water Transport in Loktak Lake	Rs. 2,34,61,538/-	Rs. 4,69,231/-	Rs. 2500/-	6 months
4	**Tender Notice No. PD/LDA/IWT-IMP/2019-4** Supply of Long Carriage Track Excavator (long Boom) - 3 nos. for improvement of Inland Water Transport in Loktak Lake	Rs. 1,87,79,499/-	Rs. 3,75,590/-	Rs. 2500/-	6 months
5	**Tender Notice No. PD/LDA/IWT-IMP/2019-5** Supply of Self-propelled Amphibian multifunctional Dredger - 1 no. for improvement of Inland Water Transport in Loktak Lake	Rs. 4,88,69,390/-	Rs. 9,77,388/-	Rs. 2500/-	6 months
6	**Tender Notice No. PD/LDA/IWT-IMP/2019-6** Supply of Winch (5 ton) - 3 nos. for improvement of inland Water Transport in Loktak Lake	Rs. 18,46,154/-	Rs. 36,923/-	Rs. 500/-	6 months

Details of the tender will be available at the website **http://manipurtenders.gov.in** The tender documents shall be available online from **2:00 PM of 18.01.2021 to 11 AM of 08.02.2021** and date of opening of technical bid is **2 PM of 08.02.2021.**

Sd/- Project Director
Loktak Development Authority

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, J.C. 98272N Sub Major & Hony Capt (Retd.) Machanuri Mangaiah, unit Madras Engineer Group,R/o No.213, Kuvempu Nagar, 1st stage, 4th Cross, Jalahalli East, Bengaluru – 14, declares that my wife's correct name is **VIJAYA KUMARI MACHUNURI**, DOB 04.05.1953, But in PPO wrongly entered as **VIJAY KUMARI**. PPO No. S/029867/97 (Army) & Corr PPO No. S/CORR/019869/97, vide affidavit dated 15.01.2021, sworn before notary D. Sarala Kumari, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ERENE DORIE MICETICH Spouse of RUDOLPH VICTOR MICETICH, Residing at TMQ-212/3, HQ TC (U), IAF, JC NAGAR POST, HEBBAL, BANGALORE-560006,have changed my name from **ERENE DORIE MICETICH** to **ERENE DORIE KHONGLAM,** vide affidavit dated 16-01-2021, before Notary Peruvazhuthi, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PURAN SINGH RAWAT Resident of No. P54/4, HQ Training Command, IAF, Hebbal, JC NAGAR POST, Bangalore-560006, have changed my Daughter's Name from **MAHAK** to **MEHAK RAWAT,** vide Affidavit dated: 16-01-2021 before Notary Peruvazhuthi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHRADDHA BENJAMIN TODKAR,** aged about 34 years, D/o Mr. Benjamin Maruti Todkar, W/o Mr. Hanoch Kunder, R/at No. 131, Gurunamana, 10th Cross, Balaji Krupa Layout, Manipal County Road, Singasandra, Bangalore-560068, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHRADDHA BENJAMIN TODKAR** to **SHRADDHA HANOCH KUNDER**, hereafter I shall be known and called as **SHRADDHA HANOCH KUNDER** only, vide affidavit dated 08.01.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **R.S. VIJAY,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JISHA RADHAKRISHNAN,** W/o Radhakrishnan Nair .N, Presently R/at #G509, 8th Cross, 1st Main, HAL Central Township, Marathahalli Colony, Bengaluru-560037, Karnataka State, have changed my name from **JISHA RADHAKRISHNAN** to **JISHA .G,** vide affidavit dated 13.01.2021, sworn before **XXIV ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BRIJESH SHETTY**, aged about 33 years, S/o Balakrishna Shetty Heroor, R/at House #37, Panduranga Nagar, Arekere, Bengaluru-560076, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BRIJESH SHETTY BALAKRISHNA** to **BRIJESH SHETTY,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **BRIJESH SHETTY** only, vide affidavit dated 16.01.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N,** Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KAVITHA .S,** W/o Deva Kumar .S, R/at House 6, 18th Cross, Oil Mill Road, Mangala Layout, Kammanahalli, Bengaluru-560084, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JENNIFER KAVITHA** to **KAVITHA .S,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **KAVITHA .S** only, vide affidavit dated 16.01.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **G. KASPAR**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NISHA KUMARI,** D/o Jay Shankar Singh, R/at #53, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Ashwathnagar, RMV II Stage, Bengaluru-94, have changed my name to **NISHA SINGH,** vide affidavit dated 16.01.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VEDANTH .K,** S/o G.L. Keshava Murthy, aged 19 years, R/at No. 172, 6th Cross, 1st N-block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VEDANTH** to **VEDANTH .K,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **VEDANTH .K** only, vide affidavit dated 16.01.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MARIA PREETHI JAMES**, aged about 20 years, D/o Jamesbond .A, R/at # 349, 7th Main, HAL II stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560038, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MARIA PREETHI JAMESBOND** to **MARIA PREETHI JAMES,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **MARIA PREETHI JAMES** only, vide affidavit dated 16.01.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **S. SAMUEL SOLOMON**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VEERESH C.** aged 46 years, S/o. Late **Chakali Anjinappa,** residing at NO.102, Gurupriya Kalyana Mantapa Road, Karekallu, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru-560079, have changed my name to **CHAKALI EERANNA** vide affidavit dated 15-01-2021 sworn before Notary **H.S. Sakalesh Aradhya,** BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **M NAGARAJU**, S/o **Mariyapillai,** R/at No.31, Near Rama Temple, Shanthipura, Anekal Tq, Bengaluru-560099, have changed my name to **M KANNAN** vide affidavit dated:16/1/2021 Before Notary **P.N.Nagesha** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **METILDA SHEEBA SAM,** R/at No.213, 3rd B Cross, Near Vincent Palloti Church OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, Bengaluru -560043, have changed my name to **METILDA SHEEBA JAYAKUMARI** vide affidavit dated:16/1/2021 Before Notary **N.Nagappa** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

We Guruprasad Vaddatti Karnam s/o Sheshagiri Rao Vaddatti Karnam, aged 40 years & Anjana Ranganath Desai w/o Guruprasad Vaddatti Karnam, aged 36 years, both residing at Prestige Sunrise park,Birch wood, B 1074, Neo town road, Electronic city phase 1, Bangalore South Bangalore -560100. Do hereby state that we are the parents of our son V.K.Pratham.In all records his name is reflected as V.K.Pratham or Pratham Vaddatti Karnam. Now we have changed his name to **Pratham Karnam** for all future personal uses vide affidavit dated 12-01-2021. We have sworn on behalf of our minor son Pratham Karnam before the notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) NIRAJ DEVI, W/o. JC414175F Sub Raj Kumar Singh Chauhan, residing at Vill: Rajgarh, Post:Rajgarh,Teh:Rajgarh,District:Rewari, State:Haryana, PIN:123412, working add: P.R.T.C, J.C.Nagar, Bangalore-06, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) NIRAJ DEVI** to **(NEW NAME) NIRAJ** vide affidavit Dated 15/01/2021 sworn before Notary Ramesh Kumar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) ABDUL SAMEER, S/o. Abdul Salam, residing at No. 1021/5, 1st Main, 13th Cross, Govindapura Main Road, Rashad Nagar, A.C.Post, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ABDUL SAMEER** to **(NEW NAME) ABDUL SAMEER SALAM** vide affidavit Dated 16/01/2021 sworn before Notary Leela, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) BUDGIRI SETTY SHRESHT, S/o. Budgiri Krishnamurthy Suraj, residing at No. 285/B-12, Kushi 9th A Main Road, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) BUDGIRI SURAJ SETTY SHRESHT** vide affidavit Dated 12/01/2021 sworn before Notary L. Shankaranarayana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CHANDRASHEKAR KSHATRI, S/o. Kashinath Kshatri, residing at No. 301, Sai Nilaya Apartment, 2nd Cross, Near Canara Bank, ISRO Layout, Bangalore-560078, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from **BHOOMIKA** to **BHOOMIKA KSHATRIYA** vide affidavit Dated 13/01/2021 sworn before Notary V.Srinivasa Reddy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) RAFIYA ZAKAULLA, D/o. Syed Farooq, residing at No. 26/9, Saraipalya, Near Fathima Masjid, Thanisandra, Bangalore-560077, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) RAFIYA** vide affidavit Dated 15/01/2021 sworn before Notary Prakash.C., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SHASHIKALA, W/o. Mohan Mudhol, residing at Flat No. S1, 2nd Floor, Sy No. 14, Surveyor Street, Gandhi Bazar, Basavangudi, Bangalore-560004, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) MUDOL SHASHIKALA** vide affidavit Dated 13/01/2021 sworn before Notary V.Srinivasa Reddy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) GHAZALA HUSSAIN, W/o. MD Rustam Hussain, residing at No. 2612, 3rd Cross, 18th Main, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560008, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) GHAZALA PARWEEN** vide affidavit Dated 15/01/2021 sworn before Notary Prakash.C., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SAIF AHAMAD KAMPLI, S/o. Jeelani Sultansaheb Kampli, residing at No. 116, Kuteer Bliss Apartments, Bannerghatta Road, Nobo Nagar, Kalena Agrahara, Bangalore-560076, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SAIF AHAMAD** vide affidavit Dated 15/01/2021 sworn before Notary Prakash.C., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) RAHUL JAGUSTE, S/o. Pramod Shankar Jaguste, residing at No. 2/302, Mandapeshwar Dham, CHS, Laxman Mhatre Road, Borival (W) Mumbai-400103, Maharashtra, India (Now Camp at Bangalore) have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) RAHUL PRAMOD JAGUSTE** vide affidavit Dated 11/01/2021 sworn before Notary Prakash.C., Bangalore.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Notice u/s 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002, Rule 8(1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

Whereas the under signed being Authorized officer of Punjab & Sind Bank under the SARFAESI ACT 2002 in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with the relevant rules of the security interest (enforcement) rules, 2002 issued demand notice under section 13(2) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount and inclusive of Interest plus interest and charges mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantors/Title Holder/Mortgagers and the Public in general that the undersigned the Authorized officer has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act read with relevant rules.

The Borrowers/guarantors in particular and the Public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the PUNJAB & SIND BANK, JC Road Branch, Bangalore-560002 for an amount inclusive of Interest plus interest and charges w.e.f till the date of realization.

SL No	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgager(s)	Date of Demand Notice / Possession & Amount Due	DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
1	**Borrower :** **Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, Mr. Vishwanath Khemka, Pushpa Devi Khemka, and** **Guarantor : Mrs. Nisha Agarwal and** **Mr. Prakash Khemka** all resident at No. 186, 12th Cross, 20th Main, JP Nagar, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560078	**27.8.2019 12.1.2021 Rs.13,21,735.99 plus interest and charges w.e.f 1.1.2021**	All that piece and parcel of residential building at 186, PID No. 178-w0140-40, 12th cross, 20th Main, JP Nagar, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru - 560078. Property Bounded By : **East by :** Site No. 187, **West by :** Site No. 185, **North by :** Site No. 239 and **South by :** Road. **Sale Deed No. 13094/1997-98 dated 24/02/1998.**
2	**Borrower : M/s Orion Digital Edutainment Pvt Ltd.** Registered Address at No. 205 & 206, Suraj Ganga Arcade, 14th Cross, 7th Main, 2nd Block, Jayanaagar, Bangalore - 560011, Represented by its Directors and Guarantee of Directors **Mr. H.G . Surendra.** Resident of 2611, Sriram Nilaya, 2nd Floor, 8th Main, 17B Cross, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560070, **Mr. Ajay Majumdar** - Resident of No. 105, Block 2, Skyline City, Chandra layout, Bangalore- 560072. **Mr. K Saiprasad** - No. 302, JJ Apt, Sakamma Gardens, Vijayarangan Layout, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560004. and **H. S. Vrushank** - Resident of 2611, Sriram Nilaya, 2nd Floor, 8th Main, 17B Cross, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560070.	**5.11.2019 15.1.2021 Rs.19,61,700.36 plus interest and charges w.e.f 1.1.2021**	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property at No. 61, Thondawada Village accounts, S. No. 366/1, Thondawada Gram Panchayat, Chandragiri Mandal, Chandragiri Sub District, Chittor, of Mr. K Sai Prasad. Property Bounded By : **East by :** 40 Ft Road, **West by**: Land In Survey No. 365, **North by:** Land In Survey No. 367 and **South by:** Site Pertaining to plot No. 25. **Gift Settlement deed No. 1526/16 dated 20/06/2016.**
3	**Borrower : M/s Nandana Sales Corporation** represented by its proprietrix **Mrs Savitha L, W/o Mr. R Krishna** and **Guarantor Mr. R Krishna** both residing at No. 39, 7th Cross, Ashwath Katte Road, Kasthurbha Nagar, Bangalore-560026.	**10.12.2018 12.1.2021 Rs.32,10,421.17 plus interest and charges w.e.f 1.1.2021**	All that piece and parcel of residential house bearing PID No.45-37-38 No. 38 and 39, (Eastern Portion), Survey No.10/1, 7th Cross, Ashwath Katte Road, Pipeline, Rudrappa Garden, kasthurbha Nagar, Mysore Road, Bangalore- 560026 (Measuring East to West 25 ft and North to South 40 ft). Property Bounded By : **East by :** Private Property, **West by :** Property No. 39 of Mr. Krishna, **North by :** Private Property and **South by :** Road. **Sale Deed No. BSG-1-05612/06-07 dated 23/01/2007**
4	**Borrower : Mr. Shankar Narayana MV** Resident of No. 43, PID No. 55-463-43, New PID No. 161-W0148-9, Sri Anjaneyaswamy House building Co- operative Society Ltd, Ittamadu Village, 1st Stage, Anjaneya Nagar, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560085. and **Mr. Nilesh Patel** Resident of F-119/120, Panorama Complex, RC Datt Road, Alkapuri, Vadodara, Gujarat- 390007 (2nd Address of Mr. Nilesh Patel : Sohan Bunglow, Behind Palm View Apt, Vadodara, Gujarat- 390007).	**21.9.2020 12.1.2021 Rs.1,11,83,353.47 plus interest and charges w.e.f 1.1.2021**	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property at No. 43, PID No. 55-463-43, New PID No. 161-W0148-9, Sri Anjaneyaswamy House building Co- operative Society Ltd, Ittamadu Village, 1st Stage, Anjaneya Nagar, Uttahalli Hobli, Bangalore-560085. (Measuring East to west 36 ft and North to South 64+65.6/2 ft total admeasuring 260 sq yards). Property Bounded By : **East by :** Site No. 42. **West by :** Site No. 44, **North by :** Road and **South by :** Site No. 57. **Sale deed No. 5105/2011-12 dated 15/09/2011**
5	**Borrower : Mr. Shankar Narayana MV and** **Mrs Annaapurna W/o Mr. Shankar Narayana MV** both resident of No. 43, PID No. 55-463-43, New PID No. 161-W0148-9, Sri Anjaneyaswamy House building Co- Operative Society Ltd, Ittamadu Village, 1st Stage, Anjaneya Nagar, Uttarahalli, Hobli, Bangalore - 560085.	**21.9.2020 12.1.2021 Rs.29,84,783.97 plus interest and charges w.e.f 1.1.2021**	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property at No. 43, PID No. 55-463-43, New PID No. 161-W0148-9, Sri Anjaneyaswamy House building Co- operative Society Ltd, Ittamadu village, 1st stage, Anjaneya Nagar, Uttarhalli Hobli, Bangalore-560085. (Measuring East to west 36 ft and North to South 64+65.6/2 ft admeasuring 260 sq yards). Property Bounded By : **East by :** Site No. 42. **West by :** Site No. 44, **North by :** Road and **South by :** Site No. 57. **Sale deed No. 5105/2011-12 dated 15/09/2011.**

Date : 15.1.2021
Place : Bangalore

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Lakshya sweeps men's trap trials

Asian Games silver medallist Lakshay Sheoran of Haryana, made it a clean sweep in the Men's Trap trials, winning the T2 competition on the back of a T1 trial win earlier in the week. Lakshay shot a solid 122 to top qualifying and then a 43 in the final, to beat India international Prithviraj Tondaiman of Tamil Nadu.

Joshi guides Karnataka to victory

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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As Karnataka, who needed 153 runs to beat Railways in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy contest in Alur, lost their sixth wicket of Shreyas Gopal, they were in search of a late hero on Saturday. Aniruddha Joshi (64 n.o) emerged as one to help Karnataka cross the finish line. With nine required from final over, Joshi hit two sixes to seal a two-wicket win with two balls to spare.

Though Joshi managed to bring his A game under pressure, Karun Nair (15) and Rohan Kadam (14) failed. Devdutt Padikkal scored a decent 37.

And with KL Shrijith and Pravin Dubey getting out for golden ducks, followed by Gopal (10) in the 14th over, the situation looked desperate as they were 93/6. Joshi then decided to take things into his own hands, dealing in boundaries to ensure Karnataka registered their third win of the tournament. His 40-ball 64 comprised three fours and four sixes.

After deciding to bat first, Railways lost Mrunal Devdhar early for two. With Pratham Singh (41) and Shivam Chaudhary (48) involved in a good second-wicket partnership of 94 runs, they laid the foundation for a good score, but they lost wickets at regular intervals in the middle overs. However, a quickfire 16-ball 33 from Harsh Tyagi took them to 152/5, which almost proved to be enough for Railways.

Brief Scores: Railways 152/5 in 20 overs (Shivam 48) **lost** to Karnataka 158/8 in 19.4 overs (Aniruddha 64 n.o, Poojar 3/19).

India opener concedes being dismissed in 'sad' manner on second day, but insists he'll continue to play the way he does to put pressure on opposition bowlers

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SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Chennai

THE 'Ah, s***, here we go again' meme, taken from 2004 video game, 'Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas', is perfect for bad situations that seem to occur on an endless loop. One such situation played itself out just before the heavens opened up during the second day of the fourth Test between Australia and India. Batting serenely on 44, Sharma gave Lyon the charge, tried to find the gap between deep square leg and long on but only ended up chipping the ball rather than muscling it. It got the required elevation but the timing wasn't there and Mitchell Starc completed a running catch. This is another in a catalogue of dismissals that will hang over Sharma's head.

Remember his 28 at Southampton in 2014 when he lofted Moeen Ali to mid-off's throat. Or his 32 at Brisbane in 2015 when he went after a wide one and gave catching practice to slips. Or his 35 at Kanpur in 2016 when he failed to clear mid-on. Or his 47 at Centurion when a mis-timed hook failed to clear fine-leg. Or his 37 at Adelaide in 2018 when an ugly swipe, immediately after hitting a six, failed to clear square-leg. Or his 52 at Sydney last week when an impetuous pull was taken in the deep behind square. In each of these cases, the Mumbaikar seemed to be in control, batting like a million bucks. Yet, with him, you are always in with a chance. It's the way he likes to play his cricket even if his methodologies let him down. Looking back at the dismissal, he said it was 'sad' way to get out but he will 'keep playing shots'. That, in a microcosm, sums him up. Live by his beliefs, get out because of those beliefs.

That was perhaps why he enraged Sunil Gavaskar and countless others. "Why? Why? Why?," he fumed on air. "That's an unbelievable shot. That's an irresponsible shot. There's a fielder there at long on, there's a fielder at square leg, you've just hit a boundary a couple of deliveries earlier, why would you play that shot? ..."

Sharma himself didn't offer an excuse. "It (the shot) is not coming out of nowhere," he said. "It is a shot that I play. And I have played it very well in the past. It is something that I really back myself to do all the time. That is the kind of role I play in this team. Yes, when it looks like that, it looks bad. Of course, I like to make it count and make it big but having said that there is a process which I like to follow, I am on top of the bowlers, and that I am trying to keep the pressure on the opposition bowlers. Sometimes you get out; sometimes it goes over the rope, but yeah, I mean, it was unfortunate and a very sad dismissal, to be honest. Again, those are my shots"

He also indicated that his place in the side was to transfer pressure back on the bowlers. "I like to put the pressure on the bowler once I am in, and that is my role in the team. To make sure I keep putting that pressure on the bowlers because we have seen throughout the series how run-scoring has been difficult. So somewhere, someone needs to put his hand up and think about how we can put the pressure back on the bowlers. And while doing that there are chances you will make a mistake. I am ready to accept that." The plan worked. And then it didn't, just like many of his innings in the past. Full story: newindianexpress.com

Rohit Sharma departs after getting dismissed for 44 on Saturday | AFP

SCOREBOARD

Australia 1st innings (o/n 274-5): Warner c Rohit b Siraj 1, Harris c Washington b Thakur 5, Labuschagne c Pant b Natarajan 108, Smith c Rohit b Washington 36, Wade c Thakur b Natarajan 45, Green b Washington 47, Paine c Rohit b Thakur 50, Cummins lbw Thakur 2, Starc n.o 20, Lyon b Washington 24, Hazlewood b Natarajan 11. **Extras** (b4, lb5, nb6, w5) 20. **Total** (10 wickets, 115.2 overs) 369. **FoW:** 6-311, 7-313, 8-315, 9-354. **Bowling:** Siraj 28-10-77-1, Natarajan 24.2-3-78-3, Thakur 24-6-94-3, Saini 7.5-2-21-0, Washington 31-6-89-3, Rohit 0.1-0-1-0.

India 1st innings: Rohit c Starc b Lyon 44, Gill c Smith b Cummins 7, Pujara (batting) 8, Rahane (batting) 2. **Extras** (nb1) 1. **Total** (2 wickets, 26 overs) 62. **FoW:** 1-11, 2-60. **Bowling:** Starc 3-1-8-0, Hazlewood 8-4-11-0, Cummins 6-1-22-1, Green 3-0-11-0, Lyon 6-2-10-1.

Issues with Indian fed resolved: AIBA chief

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

IN just over a month since he took over as the new international boxing association (AIBA) president, Umar Kremlev has been chalking out plans to transform the sport. During an informal Zoom interview through an interpreter, he revealed his short-term goals: hosting events and introducing reforms to make refereeing and judging transparent. He also spoke about AIBA's relationship with the Boxing Federation of India. He said whatever issues there were have been resolved. *Excerpts:*

You have already started a few initiatives as part of your reforms, like anti-doping programme...
We need to work really hard and resolve the problems in AIBA in two-three months. Anti-doping is one of our priorities.

Do you think the reforms you have begun will ease relationships with IOC?
The reforms in AIBA are quite evident and are there for everyone to see. It's high time we start them. The demands of IOC is quite reasonable and our main priority is to reinstate AIBA into the Olympic family. The reforms we have launched will help us get reinstated.

Have you reached out to IOC?
I have not reached out to the IOC. Our initiatives are quite promising right now. The concrete steps we have taken are visible. We should start implementing them soon. Then, it will be reasonable to contact the IOC because it's not about promises but actions.

Hosting tournaments in 2021....
As far as competitions are concerned, I am looking at them with caution because of the situation...We should realise that the easiest thing is to cancel all the meets but the hardest one is to host them. We will conduct these events. World Cup will be in Russia but dates are not finalised.

Has payment issue between BFI & AIBA settled?
BFI is doing fine. Even before the polls this was asked. I do not see any obstacles for development of boxing in India. Licensing fee issue too has been resolved and matter is closed.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Hyderabad hold Mumbai
GOA: Hyderabad FC ended Mumbai City FC's four-match winning streak as they held the Islanders to a goalless draw in the ISL at the GMC Stadium on Saturday. However, a point for Mumbai has helped them consolidate their position at the top of the table.

Patil slams double ton
BENGALURU: Bangalore City XI's A Rohan Patil scored 212 runs against Bangalore Zone on Day 1 of the SA Srinivasan memorial U23 tournament here on Saturday. Shreehari Madyalkar also made 60. Bangalore City XI declared for 393/8. Bangalore Zone were 9/1 at the end of play.

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IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE, BENGALURU
G & W.C. No. 35/2020

Between : (CCH-68)
1. Miss Venkata Shruthi Pullela D/o. Late Venkata Sriram Pullela, aged about 14 years.
2. Master Venkata Anshumaan Pullela S/o. Late Venkata Sriram Pullela, aged about 7 years.
Both are residing at No. 62, Flat No. 403, Raj Residency, 10th Cross, Kanakanagar, R. T. Nagar, Bengaluru-560 032
Since Petitioner No. 1 and 2 are minors represented by their grand mother and guardian Smt. B. Kameswaramma W/o P. V. Nalinikanth aged about 67 years the Petitioner No. 3 herein.
3. Smt. B. Kameswaramma W/o. P. V. Nalinikanth, aged about 67 years, residing at No. 62, Flat No. 403, Raj Residency, 10th Cross, Kanakanagar, R. T. Nagar, Bengaluru-560 032.
...Petitioners

AND
Nil ...Respondent

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Where as the above named has made petition to this court under section 10 of the Guardianship in favour of Petitioner No. 3 of the person or property of the petitioner 1 & 2 as Venkata Sriram Pullela the father of petitioner 1 & 2 herein who expired on 17.07.2020.
Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **08.02.2021 at 11 A.M.** inform to show cause against the petitioner failing where in the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte. Given under the hand & seal of the court this 8th Jan 2021

By order of the Court
Sd/-Asst. Registrar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Address for Service:
M. S. Srivatsa,
Ch. No. 209, 2nd Floor, 1st Main, Gandhinagar, Bangalore- 560 009
Mob :9591798966

Government of Karnataka
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department
Office of the The Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Division, Gadag Phone: 08372-297256. Email id : ee.rws.gdg@gmail.com
Tender Notification No EE/RDWSS/GDG/AE/TND/2020-21/1607 Date : 16.01.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division Gadag invites Work tender from eligible PRED Contractor related to RDWS&S Division, Gadag District, for the works with details as given below

Sl. No.	Indent No.	Amount Put to Tender	EMD Amount
1	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28067/Call-4	79.24 Lakhs	1.58 Lakhs
2	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28064/Call-4	63.73 Lakhs	1.27 Lakhs
3	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28078/Call-4	67.90 Lakhs	1.35 Lakhs
4	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27320/Call-4	82.09 Lakhs	1.66 Lakhs
5	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT26562/Call-4	56.88 Lakhs	1.13 Lakhs
6	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT26647/Call-4	84.63 Lakhs	1.69 Lakhs
7	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT26650/Call-4	86.39 Lakhs	1. 72 Lakhs
8	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT26558/Call-4	83.77 Lakhs	1.67 Lakhs
9	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT26589/Call-4	61.39 Lakhs	1.22 Lakhs
10	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27280/Call-4	85.41 Lakhs	1.70 Lakhs
11	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT26557/Call-4	74.74 Lakhs	1.49 Lakhs
12	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT26690/Call-4	58.98 Lakhs	1.18 Lakhs
13	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT26441/Call-4	82.01 Lakhs	1.64 Lakhs
14	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27130/Call-3	61.39 Lakhs	1.22 Lakhs
15	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27112/Call-3	58.97 Lakhs	1.18 Lakhs
16	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27415/Call-3	62.08 Lakhs	1.24 Lakhs
17	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28056/Call-3	65.08 Lakhs	1.30 Lakhs
18	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28245/Call-3	84.70 Lakhs	1.70 Lakhs
19	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27999/Call-3	68.22 Lakhs	1.36 Lakhs
20	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28192/Call-3	78.39 Lakhs	1.56 Lakhs
21	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28114/Call-3	86.23 Lakhs	1.72 Lakhs
22	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28162/Call-3	72.62 Lakhs	1.45 Lakhs
23	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28110/Call-3	59.08 Lakhs	1.18 Lakhs
24	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27761/Call-3	55.02 Lakhs	1.10 Lakhs
25	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28086/Call-3	87.42 Lakhs	1.75 Lakhs
26	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28096/Call-3	74.30 Lakhs	1.48 Lakhs
27	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28102/Call-3	65.33 Lakhs	1.30 Lakhs
28	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28046/Call-3	55.40 Lakhs	1.10 Lakhs
29	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28062/Call-3	78.98 Lakhs	1.57 Lakhs
30	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27669Call-3	56.97 Lakhs	1.14 Lakhs
31	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27665/Call-3	46.50 Lakhs	0.93 Lakhs
32	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27671/Call-3	72.94 Lakhs	1.45 Lakhs
33	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT25848/Call-3	86.42 Lakhs	1.73 Lakhs
34	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27298/Call-3	65.07 Lakhs	1.30 Lakhs
35	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT26493/Call-3	55.53 Lakhs	1.11 Lakhs
36	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT26660/Call-3	66.97 Lakhs	1.34 Lakhs
37	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27138/Call-3	63.92 Lakhs	1.28 Lakhs
38	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27319/Call-3	66.22 Lakhs	1.32 Lakhs
39	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27316/Call-3	61.68 Lakhs	1.24 Lakhs
40	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27312/Call-3	59.22 Lakhs	1.18 Lakhs
41	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27317/Call-3	69.88 Lakhs	1.39 Lakhs
42	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT27396/Call-3	59.95 Lakhs	1.20 Lakhs
43	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28398/Call-3	56.60 Lakhs	1.20 Lakhs
44	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28309/Call-3	75.99 Lakhs	1.52 Lakhs
45	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28103/Call-3	56.52 Lakhs	1.13 Lakhs
46	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28092/Call-3	52.80 Lakhs	1.05 Lakhs

The eligible bidders are required to submit through E-Procurement mode only & for More details can be had from this office and also through **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by clicking List of Tenders which will link to all Dept. works list. The date of starting of tender is **16.01.2021**, Last date for tender queries is **22.01.2021**, Last date for Bid Submission is **25.01.2021**, Date of opening of technical Bid is **27.01.2021** & Date of opening of financial Bid is **29.01.2021**.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDW&S Division, Gadag,
DIPR/GADAG/MCA/417/2020-21

KSFC Employees Housing C-operative society Ltd
1/1, Thimmaiah Road, Bangalore-560052, Ph:9535243552

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our KSFC Employees Housing Co-operative society Ltd has formed KSFC Layout in Lingarajapuram / Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore by obtaining 12 acres land from Bangalore Development authority during 1985. Most of the sites have been released and registered in the names of the society members. However, there are few sites and margin land which are still under possession of the Society and these sites have not been allotted to anybody due to various reasons including a case which is pending in Co-operative Department Court.
However, some anti social elements, miscreants are trying to sell these sites by misleading the buyers that they are the allottees / owners. Hence, GENERAL PUBLIC is hereby cautioned not to transact in respect of any sites pertains to our Society and if any loss or damage is caused due to it, the Society is not in any way responsible. Please report or contact the Society before dealing with any such transactions and also inform the details of any such parties.
Sd/- Secretary
KSFC Employees Housing C-operative society Ltd

Bagalkot Town Development Authority, Bagalkot
No:CE/BTDA/Tender-14/2020-21/3794 Date: 13-01-2021
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement only)
Tenders are invited by the under signed from registered eligible contractors for work of Rs. 115.20 Lakhs to Rs. 144.55 Lakhs. The intending bidders for work details may login to e-procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in for detailed notification and submission of the tender. The tenders can be submitted till 29.01.2021 up to 5.00 PM. The pre-bid meeting is held on 22.01.2021 at 11.00 am. The technical bids will be opened on 01.02.2021 and Financial bids will be opened on 03.02.2021 at 11.00 AM (if possible). Any other details can be obtained from this office in person or over telephone number 08534-233353.
Chief Engineer,
B.T.D.A., Bagalkot
DIPR/BGK/435/2020-21/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY
COVID-19. DO NOT PANIC, BE AWARE
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA
On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

S. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (NOS./ Sets)	EMD (₹)
1.	12211002 08/02/2021	Fixed window for LHB coaches	4221 Nos.	6,49,450/-
2.	12211005 08/02/2021	Emergency openable window	1369 Nos.	2,14,580/-
3.	12211003 08/02/2021	Lavatory window with fixed louvers and sealed glass unit for LHB coaches	2006 Nos.	2,12,740/-
4.	17211006 08/02/2021	Entrance Door Assly (L.H & R.H) Two types	327 Nos. 224 Nos.	3,11,120/-
5.	13206299 11/02/2021	Airless spray painting machine, MECH/ M&P/3500/GM/32 (PL NO. N6416039)	04 Nos.	50,400/-
6.	04201048 09/02/2021	Set of readymade aluminium feeder pipes & accessories for LHB EOG (04 Types)	1,182 Set.	6,35,490/-
7.	01211002 10/02/2021	Bogie bolster assly	504 Nos.	11,00,000/-
8.	01201240 11/02/2021	Dampers (five types) 8280 Nos., 2150 Nos., 1600 Nos., 2505 Nos.	4010 Nos.,	20,00,000/-

1. For details and making On-line tenders, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings / specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in.** Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line biddings, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in.** 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 to 5 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 6 to 8 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS heldesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.
Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them. "All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenderers are quested to submit their bids on-line through the IREPS website at **https://www.ireps.gov.in.** For more details regarding the above mentioned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS website. **PCMM**

CORRIGENDUM
The following amendment is authorized against **1. Tender No. 05201445** for Set of cross members for parcel van LHB coaches Due Date to be read as 15/01/2021 instead of 12/01/2021 **PCMM**
T. No.: G-RCF/122-01/Store/110/2020-21 **Dated: 16.01.2021**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client, Mr. Priyam Chowdhury, intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunderfrom his owner Mr. Sunil Kumar Bardia, S/o. Late Sri Budh Mal Bardia, having its registered office at No.19, Ganesh Chandra Avenue, Second Floor, Premier House Suite No.7, Kolkata, West Bengal-700013, now at Bengaluru.
This notice is hereby given for the information of General Public that any person/persons or Banks or Financial Institutions having any right, title, interest or claim over the schedule property or any objections to the proposed purchase, may contact below mentioned address with documentary proof in support of his/her/its/their claim, within 7 (Seven) days from the day of publication of this Public Notice, after which period my client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the below mentioned schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No.795/B of Block `B', Formed in Sy Nos.6/1, 6/2, 8/1, 8/2, 8/3, 8/5, 8/6, 10/1, 10/3, 151P, 15/2P, 17P, 18, 19, 21/1, 21/2, 21/3, 22/1, 22/2, 23/1, 23/2, 23/3, 23/4, 23/5, 23/6, 23/7, 23/8, 23/9, 23/10, 23/11, 23/12, 23/13, 25/1, 25/2, 25/3, 25/4, 25/5, 25/6, 26/1P, 26/3, 27/1A, 27/1B, 27/2, 28/1A, 28/1B,28/2, 28/3, 28/4, 28/5, 29/1, 29/2, 30/1, 30/2, 31, 32/2, 32/3, 36, 38, 39, 43/1, 44, 46, 61/1, 61/2, 62, 63, 64, 67/1, 67/2, 67/3, 67/4, 67/6, 68/1, 72/1, 72/2, 72/3, 72/4, 73, 74, 75/1, 75/2, 75/3, 75/4, 75/5, 75/6, 75/7, 75/8, 75/9, 76/1, 76/3, 76/4, 77/1, 77/2, 77/3, 77/4, 77/5, 77/6, 78, 79/1, 79/2, 79/3, 79/4, 79/5, 79/6, 79/7, 79/8, 79/9, 80, 81/1, 81/2A, 81/2B, 81/2C, 81/3A, 81/3B83, 84, 85,91/1, 91/2, 94/1, 94/2, 95, 96/1P, 96/2, 96/3, 97/1B, 97/2, 102/1, 102/2, 103/1, 103/3, 103/4, 103/5B, 103/6, 104/2, 105/1P, 105/2, 105/3, 106/1P, 106/2P, 106/3, 106/4, 106/5, 106/6, 109, 111/1 and 111/2 of Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, in the layout formed by The Aircraft Employees' Co-operative Society Limited, measuring East to West 107+70/2 square feet and North to South 63+2.5/2 square feet in total measuring 2178 square feet and same is bounded on:
East by : Road,
West by : Site No.788/A
North by : Site No.795/A,
South by : Private Property.
A.V. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY & ASSOCIATES, ADVOCATES, NO.71, First Floor, 9th Cross, 9th Main, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560 011.

ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಅರಣ್ಯ ಭವನ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ, 18ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560003.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ/ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್: 080-23343464 ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: dcfurban82@yahoo.co.in
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಎ2/ಬಿಯುಡಿ/ಮಾರಸಂದ್ರ/ಚೈನಲಿಂಕ್/ಸಿಆರ್-84/2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08-01-2021
ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ) (ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ)
2020-21ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಲಹಂಕ ವಲಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಮಾರಸಂದ್ರ ಮೀಸಲು ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ **400** ಮೀ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಚೈನ್‌ಲಿಂಕ್ ಮೆಷ್ ಬೇಲಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣದ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಾಗಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಾಗಿ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವಂತಹ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಮಾತ್ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.
1) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **21-01-2021**ರ **ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ.** 2) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **22-01-2021**ರ **ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.** 3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **23-01-2021**ರ **ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. 4) ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಕೆಲಸಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಆಡಳಿತ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.
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Brazil makes a mess of immunisation plan

Despite a half-century of successful vaccination programmes, govt trails peers in approving Covid shots and bringing together a strategy

HEALTH

RIO DE JANEIRO: Like many Brazilian public health experts, Dr Regina Flauzino spent most of 2020 watching with horror as Covid-19 devastated Brazil. When the opportunity to join the government's vaccination effort came, she was thrilled: She would be able to share her decades of on-the-ground experience.

But her excitement quickly faded. Flauzino, an epidemiologist who worked on Brazilian vaccine campaigns for 20 years, became frustrated with what she described as a rushed, chaotic process.

The government has yet to approve a single vaccine, and Health Ministry officials have ignored outside experts' advice. Shortly after the government presented its vaccination plan, more than a quarter of the 140 experts involved demanded their names be excised.

"We weren't listened to," Flauzino told *AP*. The plan's creation "was postponed for too long and now it's being done in a rush."

Brazil has suffered more than 200,000 Covid-19 deaths, the second-highest total in the world after the US, with infections and deaths surging again. Despite a half-century of successful vaccination programs, the federal government is trailing regional and global peers in both approving vaccines and cobbling together an immunization strategy.

Expert committee members and former Health Ministry officials criticised the government's unjustifiable delay in formulating a vaccination plan, as well as months spent focused on a vaccine manufacturer.

Brazil President Jair Bolsonaro

How is each state going to organise its campaign if it doesn't know how many doses it is going to receive, and the timeline for delivery?

Dr Carla Domingues, epidemiologist

They also complained of President Jair Bolsonaro undermining the ministry's effectiveness, pointing to the removal of trained professionals from leadership positions, who were replaced with military appointees with little or no public health experience. Experts also blamed the president, for fueling anti-vaccine sentiment in Brazil, compromising the mass immunization effort.

Still waiting

The government's Covid-19 immunization plan, finally released on December 16, lacked essential details: How many doses would be sent to each state and how would they be refrigerated and delivered? How many professionals would need to be hired and trained — and, above all, how much funding would governors receive to implement the campaign? The plan did not include a start date. "How is each state going to organise its campaign if it doesn't know how many doses it is going to receive, and the timeline for delivery?" said Dr. Carla Domingues, an epidemiologist who oversaw the logistics of Brazil's 2009 H1N1 vaccine campaign.

The Health Ministry's National Immunization Program has a history of success. Created 40 years ago, it has enabled Brazil to eradicate polio and significantly reduce measles, rubella, tetanus. It has contributed to extending Brazilians' life expectancy from 60 to over 75 years. The program "is the central axis of all vaccination campaigns in the country," Flauzino said.

That is no small task in a nation of 210 million people, the world's sixth-largest population. The program provides a complex blueprint for vaccination campaigns across more than 5,500 municipalities in 26 states and the federal district.

In a December 1 Zoom meeting, Health Ministry officials presented the experts with a general overview of the Covid-19 vaccination plan. The consultants the *AP* interviewed said the ministry was incapable of providing key details.

Syringe shortage

Five months after the ministry signed its first contract to obtain vaccine doses in June – up to 210 million of the AstraZeneca and University of Oxford shot — it still hadn't secured syringes to administer them. The Health Ministry published its tender for 331 million syringes in mid-December, but received bids for only 8 million by its December 29 deadline.

Did you know?

Cities are the primary source of light pollution for migratory birds, and these species tend to be more abundant within cities during migration, especially in city parks

SOURCE: AP

EXFILE • ENVIRONMENT

CITIES CAN BOTH HELP AND HURT MIGRATORY BIRD POPULATIONS

Millions of birds travel between their breeding and wintering grounds during spring and autumn migration, creating one of the greatest spectacles of the natural world. These journeys often span incredible distances. A look at bird migration and how it is being affected by factors ranging from climate change to artificial light at night

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To date, eBird contains over 922 million bird observations compiled by over 617,000 participants

DECLINING BIRD POPULATIONS

1. The biggest threat of migratory birds is the risk of colliding with buildings or communication towers. Many migratory bird populations have declined over the past 50 years, and it is possible that light pollution from cities is contributing to these losses
2. Scientists widely agree that light pollution can severely disorient migratory birds and make it hard for them to navigate
3. Studies have shown that birds will cluster around brightly lit structures, much like insects flying around a porch light at night

Light pollution attracts & repels migratory birds

- Migratory bird species have evolved to use certain migration routes and types of habitat, such as forests, grasslands or marshes. It's generally not good for bird populations
- In addition to the many hazards that exist in urban areas, cities lack the food resources and cover that birds need during migration or when raising their young
- Through the analysis of eBird data, it was found that higher levels of light pollution were associated with more species during migration – evidence that light pollution attracts migratory birds to cities across the US
- This is cause for concern, as it shows that the influence of light pollution on migratory behaviour is strong enough to increase the number of species that would normally be found in urban areas
- In contrast, it was also found that higher levels of light pollution were associated with fewer migratory bird species during the summer and winter. This is likely due to the scarcity of suitable habitat in cities
- During these seasons, migratory birds are active only during the day and their populations are largely stationary, creating few opportunities for light pollution to attract them to urban areas

How pavement affects the species

- Higher levels of impervious surface were also associated with more migratory bird species during the winter. It could be a product of the urban heat island effect – the fact that structures and paved surfaces in cities absorb and reemit more of the sun's heat than natural surfaces
- Replacing vegetation with buildings, roads and parking lots can therefore make cities significantly warmer than surrounding lands. This effect could reduce cold stress on birds and increase food resources, such as insect populations, during the winter

NEED FOR GREEN COVER

Tree canopy cover was linked with more migratory bird species during spring migration and the summer. Trees provide important habitat for migratory birds during migration and the breeding season, so the presence of trees can have a strong effect on the number of migratory bird species that occur in cities

FACT OF THE MATTER

Bushfire may affect Perth

DISASTER

The Australian firefighters said they expect to battle an out-of-control bushfire well into the night on Saturday, as the blaze threatens lives and homes in the west coast city of Perth. Residents were told "to act immediately to survive" as the flames approached homes near Oakford, about 35 kilometres south of Perth's city centre, in an emergency warning issued by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). Locals were told to evacuate if the way was clear or to take shelter, as the fire spewed thick smoke over the area. Around 150 firefighters were expected to work overnight into Sunday to bring the 80-100 hectare blaze under control, DFES District Officer Russell Wells said. Strong gusty winds were forecast

23 die after jab in Norway

HEALTH

In a worrying development, 23 people have died in Norway shortly after receiving their first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine. The government said that vaccines may be too risk for the elderly and terminally ill. Of those deaths, 13 have been autopsied, with the results suggesting that common side effects may have contributed to severe reactions in frail, elderly people, according to the Norwegian Medicines Agency. "For those with the most severe frailty, even relatively mild vaccine side effects can have serious consequences." Both Pfizer and BioNTech are coordinating with the Norwegian drugs regulator to ascertain the cause behind the deaths.

18 mn Indians live outside homeland

MIGRATION

UNITED NATIONS: The Indian diaspora, one of the most 'vibrant and dynamic', is the largest in the world, with 18 million people from the country living outside their homeland in 2020, the UN has said.

The UAE, the US and Saudi Arabia host the largest numbers of migrants from India, it said. "India has the largest transnational population in the world. It has the most migrants abroad — 18 million, which is a significant number and another feature which is very interesting about the Indian migrant population is that they're really distributed all over the globe," Population Affairs Officer in the Population Division at UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) Clare Menozzi told *PTI*.

Menozzi said while some transnational populations are really clustered in one country or region, the Indian diaspora is present in all continents and regions.

WEATHER WARNING

People walk during a snowfall, in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, on Saturday. Thirty two departments, including the French capital and the entire Ile-de-France, are placed on snow-ice alert by Meteo-France | AFP

Iceland leads in Covid sequencing

GENETICS

REYKJAVIK: Iceland has genetically sequenced all its positive Covid-19 cases since the start of the pandemic, an increasingly vital practice as worrying new variants emerge from the UK and South Africa.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) on Friday urged all countries to ramp up genome sequencing to help combat the emerging variants. Scientists at the Icelandic biopharma group deCODE Genetics' laboratory in Reykjavik have worked relentlessly for the past 10 months, analysing each positive virus test in Iceland.

The aim is to trace every case in order to prevent problematic ones from slipping through the net. "It takes us relatively short time to do the actual sequencing," explains the head of the lab, Olafur Thor Magnusson, adding that "about three hours" is all that is needed to determine the virus strain.

The entire process, from isolating the DNA to sequencing it, can take up to a day and a half, and has enabled Iceland to identify 463 separate variants — which scientists call haplotypes. Prior to sequencing, the DNA of each sample is first isolated, then purified using magnetic beads. The samples are then taken to a massive, bright room full of equipment, where a deafening sound emanates from small machines resembling scanners.

Scientists in Iceland have analysed each positive test for the past 10 months | AP

The machines are gene sequencers which map the coronavirus genome. Inside each machine is a black box called a "flow cell", a glass slide that contains the DNA molecules. This technology has played a large role in Iceland since the start of the pandemic.

"The sequencing is key to helping us follow the state and development of the epidemic," Health Minister Svandis Svavarsdottir said.

AFTERMATH

Damaged roads, lack of gear hinder Indonesia earthquake rescue

Motorists make their way through a road affected by an earthquake-triggered landslide near Mamuju, West Sulawesi, Indonesia on Saturday | AP

DISASTER

MAMUJU: Damaged roads and bridges, power blackouts and lack of heavy equipment on Saturday hampered rescuers after a strong earthquake left at least 46 people dead and hundreds injured on Indonesia's Sulawesi island.

Operations were focused on about eight locations in the hardest-hit city of Mamuju, where people were still believed trapped following early Friday's magnitude 6.2 quake, said Saidar Rahmanjaya, who heads the local search and rescue agency.

Cargo planes carrying food, tents, blankets and other supplies from Jakarta landed late Friday for distribution in temporary shelters. Still, thousands of people spent the night in the open fearing aftershocks and a possible tsunami. National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesperson Raditya Jati said rescuers had so far recovered the bodies of 37 victims in Mamuju and nine in neighboring Majene district.

At least 415 houses in Majene were damaged and about 15,000 people were moved to shelters, Jati said. Bodies retrieved by rescuers were sent to a police hospital for identification by relatives, said West Sulawesi police spokesperson Syamsu Ridwan. He said more than 200 people were receiving treatment in the Bhayangkara police hospital and several others in Mamuju alone. Another 630 were injured in Majene.

Among those pulled alive was a young girl who was stuck in the wreckage of a house with her sister. The girl was seen in video released by the disaster agency Friday crying for help. She was being treated in a hospital. She identified herself as Angel and said that her sister, Catherine, who did not appear in the video, was beside her under the rubble and was still breathing. The fate of Catherine and other family members was unclear.

The quake set off landslides in three locations and blocked a main road connecting Mamuju to Majene. Power and phone lines were down in many areas. Mamuju, the capital of West Sulawesi province with nearly 75,000 people, was strewn with debris from collapsed buildings. A governor office building was almost flattened by the quake and a shopping mall was reduced to a crumpled hulk. A large bridge collapsed and patients with drips laid on folding beds under tarpaulin tents outside one of the damaged hospitals.

Two hospitals in the city were damaged and others were overwhelmed. Many survivors said that aid had not reached them yet due to damaged roads and disrupted communications.